

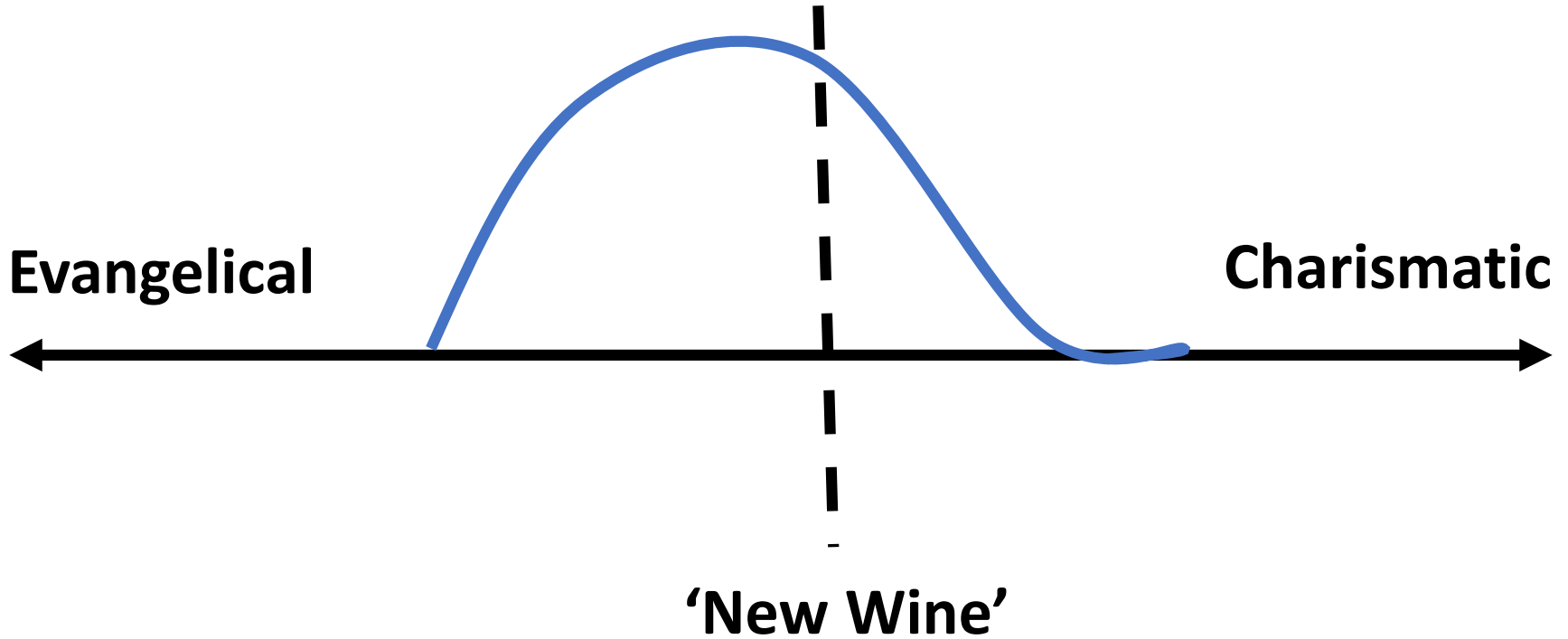
St John's

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DIFFERENCES

Estimation of St John's



WHAT HOLDS US TOGETHER

1. JESUS IS LORD!

2. WORD

3. SPIRIT

4. MISSION

5. KINDNESS

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OUR MISSION

2 Corinthians 5:14-6:2

1. Compelled by LOVE

**2. Message of RECONCILIATION
committed to us**

3. SALVATION now

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God has a definite calling for St John's which we call our *mission*. The mission of St John's Harborne is:

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1. To **REACH** non-Christians in Birmingham and beyond with the Good News of Jesus in an accessible, contemporary style.
2. To **PROVIDE** a church home which can relate to and meet the needs of believers in the Harborne area, including resourcing them for life and mission.
3. To **BE** a large church in the Harborne area which unites the spiritual and the rational aspects of the gospel while maintaining a small-church family atmosphere.
4. To **ESTABLISH**, when appropriate, missional communities sent out from St John's to help reach people with the Good News of Jesus.
5. To **PURSUE** and demonstrate unity within ourselves and within the larger body of Christ.

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Reach – Non Christians with the Good News

Provide – a Caring Resourcing Church

Be – a Large Church with a family feel

Establish – Missional Communities

Pursue - Unity

¹⁴ For ***Christ's love compels us***, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. ¹⁵ And he died for all, that those who live should ***no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again***. ¹⁶ So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. ¹⁷ Therefore, ***if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come***: The old has gone, the new is here! ¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and ***gave us the ministry of reconciliation***: ¹⁹ that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And ***he has committed to us the message of reconciliation***. ²⁰ We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. ²¹ God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.⁶ As God's co-workers we urge you not to receive God's grace in vain. ² For he says, "In the time of my favour I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you." ***I tell you, now is the time of God's favour, now is the day of salvation.***

2 Cor 5:14-6:2

What kind of Church do we aspire to be in 5 years time?

How will our vision shape us in the years to come? We could look like this:

- a new / refurbished bigger building able to accommodate more people of all ages with all the necessary facilities, which is open and welcoming
- a church community which has seen many people come to faith through a renewed concern for the lost, and confidence in the transforming power of the gospel, primarily through growing authentic relationships
- a renewed ministry to Toddlers, to the Elderly and to Young Adults- including Students (and in particular International Students), to World Mission, and to those on the margins

- a training and resource church which equips our members (and Christians in the wider area) for life and ministry (intern training / courses on: biblical and theological studies / relationships / work / money / leadership / giftings and ministry / growth toward maturity etc.); and which offers more bridge building resources to the community (parenting, marriage, wellbeing, fitness courses etc.)
- a church which has implemented new ministry ventures (e.g. to the homeless; to refugees; to prisoners) with other churches of like mind to live out our commitment to unity
- a church which has established at least one new missional community and is prayerfully seeking the opportunity and timing to do so again
- a church which has faithfully lived out our desire to have a heart for God, for our city, and for the nations

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We can Respond by Recognising:

1. God's story for St John's is **OUR** story
= Finding fulfilment in getting involved
2. Called to be servants rather than consumers;
participants rather than observers
= Finding fulfilment in the giving of ourselves
3. We are here for those who are not yet
= Finding fulfilment in sharing the Good News

4. Under God and through His gifting **we** are
our greatest resource

= Finding fulfilment in getting equipped

5. Prayer is our life line

= Finding fulfilment in our dependency on God

Are we ready for the journey?

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