



Sunday 20 July, 2025

Dear Nina

Below, you'll find the latest news and events from St John's Church and the parish community.

This weekend

Men's Breakfast

Our new **Men's Group** led by Abi Rotimi will be meeting again this **Saturday 19th July**. These take place on the 3rd Saturday of the month (**except August**) 9am-10.15am at Creperie Cila, Northfields Avenue, W13. All men at St John's are very welcome to attend!

Sunday Service

Join us this Sunday at **10am** for **Morning Worship**, where we'll also be celebrating a **baptism**. We're excited to welcome **Pastor Sameh Metry** as our guest preacher. Many of you will know Pastor Sameh from **Living Waters Arabic Church**, who meet at St John's on Sunday afternoons. He'll be continuing our series on the **Holy Spirit**. After the service, please do stay and join us for refreshments. We'd love to see you there!

Belong & Participate

Revive Us Again – Pentecost to Trinity (13 June–18 July)

Our final Encounter Night, takes place in the **Church Lounge** this **Friday** at **6:30–8:30pm**. All are welcome to attend!

Last Chance to Share Your Views – St John's Church Access Audit

Maria Merison and Alan Stacey would like to give this last opportunity for everyone to contribute to the **St John's Church Access Audit**, focused on improving access for people with visible and hidden disabilities.

They thank all who have already shared thoughts and suggestions. Your input is helping make St John's a more welcoming and accessible place for everyone—now and in the future, including community groups using our facilities. The final report will be presented to the PCC by early August 2025.

If you'd still like to share feedback, please speak to **Maria or Alan** after the **Sunday service** or email them alanstacey2000@gmail.com mariamerison2014@gmail.com **by the end of this month**.

St John's School Governor

Could you support one of our local schools by being a school governor? Please speak to Rev Sam about the role. thevicar@stjohnsealing.org.uk

Upcoming Events

Worship Harvest 2025

St John's are delighted to again be hosting the "**Worship Harvest Church**" London Gathering which takes place on **Friday 25th July and Saturday 26th** and is open to all. The Worship Harvest team will then lead us in worship at 10am Morning Service on Sunday 27th July. For more information and tickets please follow this link <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-london-gathering-2025>

Alpha 2025

Our Alpha course launches on **Thursday 11th September** for **8 weeks** including one Saturday morning. Click <https://stjohnsealing.churchsuite.com/events/ns1enmx> to sign up or find out more.

Thank you to all who have helped us with our previous courses. Of the guests we have welcomed to the course, some have now become regular members of St John's. Here is a list of some ways in which you might consider serving or giving to enhance belonging;

- Praying - we need people to pray and will be sharing weekly prayer items.
- Publicity - Please pick up a flyer and think of you who you could invite?
- Catering - The meal is a highlight at Alpha as it is a great welcome and facilitates conversations.
- Music - Worship is at the heart of the sessions. Could you serve or give your music talents.
- Financial - We spend on publicity, food, bibles and important christian literature. Could you give towards Alpha?
- Setting up and Clearing up - It's good to have a clean, welcoming environment. Could you serve in this way?
- Facilitating Group Discussions - Have you done Alpha before and feel able to help lead or help with a small group?
- Team meeting - We run a session of planning and prep for the team which will be on **Saturday 6th September at 10am - 12pm.**

Please do let Sam or Nina know how you might help by writing to us here thevicar@stjohnsealing.org.uk.

Sam & Heather Bailey

On **Sunday 7th September** we will bid a sad but very fond farewell to Sam & Heather Bailey. Please do stay and join us after the service for refreshments and if you would like to contribute towards Sam's leaving gift, then you can do so by cash (envelopes will be by the offering box), by cheque made payable to 'St John with St James PCC' or by BACS transfer using the below details. Please ensure that you use/write the reference 'Bailey' for whichever way you chose to give.

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August Sabbath

August is our **Sabbath month**—a time for the whole church to slow down and rest. Our **Kids, Youth, and Hospitality teams** will be taking a well-earned break.

During August, only the following services will continue:

- **Sunday Morning Service** (shorter, all-age service with no refreshments)
- **Wednesday Midweek Communion**

All other regular activities will pause and resume in **September**. Please also note, that from **this weekend** the **parish office will have limited cover**, so there may be delays in responding to emails or messages. Thanks for your patience—we'll get back to you as soon as we can. Enjoy the summer, and don't forget to check our website for the latest updates: www.stjohnsealing.org.uk

Have a blessed weekend :)



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Church Administrator