



This month's message from Rev Sam Sanya

October 2025

Dear friends,

I hope my email finds you well!

Youth and Children's Minister!

I am delighted to announce that we have a new youth and children's Minister! Eman Henein starts on a part time basis this month as she serves a 4week notice in her current job, after which she hopes to join us full-time in November. Please pray for Eman, her husband and three teenage children as they join the St John's Church family.

New Appointment!

The Church Wardens announced today the news that I have been appointed Vicar of St Paul's, Slough starting March 2026. <https://stpaulsslough.org.uk>

Brief Story

As a family, we moved to Ealing in 2018 when I was ordained deacon and started ordained ministry at St Stephen's. We were blessed to join St John's on 6th Sept 2021. We love Ealing life and love St John's and as such were very much dreaming and planning ideas for more and more mission and ministry together.

However, In August, while at home, I picked up church times to look for our adverts for the youth and children's posts and then I came across the advert for St Paul's with the word "Intercultural"! This caught my attention because it is the heart of my dissertation thesis under the title "belonging". I picked up the phone to the Bishop, Archdeacon and Area Director of Ministry and they all agreed that this would be the right fit for me and indeed us as a family.

We have visited the Church and explored the area and feel at peace with the Lord's leading.

As a missionary Pastor, it is a crazy thing to say "Here I am Lord, send me" because it might just happen when you are not exactly prepared for it! Been the story of our lives and calling - We are yielded to God's will and his timing!

We hope to have many opportunities to share memories together and have a few more celebrations between now and March next year.

Please pray for us as we prepare for this transition and for the Church wardens, PCC and Staff as they prepare for the interregnum.

Love your neighbour!

Finally, please continue to look out for each other and lift before God, all those who you know are suffering with illness and other difficult situations.

Please email thevicar@stjohnsealing.org.uk incase of any pastoral support.

Bible Verse

Psalms 23 "The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul."

Song Yet not I but through Christ in me *by Cityalight*
https://youtu.be/t7-5r4Lqy4E?si=Mv94d4oW_tcAOxOJ

Prayer

Lord of creation,
whose glory is around and within us:
open our eyes to your wonders,
that we may serve you with reverence
and know your peace at our lives' end,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Have a Blessed Week!

Every Blessing,



The Revd. Sam Sanya
Vicar

