

Team Vicar at St Mary's Mortlake -

Announcement made Sunday 29th December 2024



We are delighted to announce that, in consultation with the Team Rector, Revd Jonathan Haynes, the Bishop of Southwark has appointed the **Revd Ayoob Adwar** to be Team Vicar St Mary's Church Mortlake in the Mortlake with East Sheen Team, subject to the usual legal formalities.

Revd Ayoob is currently serving as Curate at St Giles South Mymms, St Margaret's Ridge and King Charles the Martyr Potters Bar churches in the diocese of St Albans.

Ayoob hails from the ancient Chaldean Church in Iraq. He was baptized and grew up in a Christian family. He joined the Chaldean Catholic monastic order of pontifical right. He trained for ministry in Babel College in Baghdad, which is affiliated to the Pontifical Urban University in Rome. He also studied at Al-Mustansiriya University in Baghdad and he gained his bachelor's degree in Social Anthropology.

In 2008, he was ordained a deacon and priest in the Chaldean Diocese of Alqosh in Nineveh. Later he travelled to Italy, to study for a master's degree in Social Pedagogy at the Salesian Pontifical University in Rome. He emigrated to Canada when ISIS took over the city of Mosul-Nineveh in 2014. He declared that he wanted to test his vocation as an Anglican priest. He went through the process of discernment including taking courses at VST and training in the Diocese of New Westminster to develop his Anglican formation.

In 2017, Archbishop Melissa Skelton recognised Ayoob's priesthood and welcomed him into the Diocese of New Westminster and the Anglican Church of Canada. He served his curacy at St Stephen's Anglican Church in West Vancouver. Later he worked as Priest in Charge for the Parish of St Timothy in Burnaby and St Hilda's Church in Sechelt. He gained the Overseas PTO through the Diocese of London, Willesden Area. He worshiped at Christ the Saviour Church in Ealing Broadway.

It is anticipated that Revd Ayoob with his wife Nezha, their son Samuel and Nezha's cousin Walid will move to Mortlake towards the beginning of Lent and that he will be licensed by the Bishop of Southwark at St Mary's in March.

We look forward to welcoming him and sharing details with our neighbours and supporters across the parish.