

General Synod Elections House of Clergy Candidate: Revd Samuel Mann



Hello there! This is Samuel Mann's wife Aisha talking. I decided to introduce Sam to you and why I strongly believe he is a strong candidate for General Synod. Sam grew up in Hereford Diocese, having moved to Clee Hill in South Shropshire at the age of 9. He went to a small rural C of E Primary school just outside Ludlow, Ludlow C of E Secondary school, and College. A rural village church was his spiritual home during this time.

I also spent most of my early years in Hereford diocese, so we regularly have discussions that inform Sam's approach to rural ministry. Working for a Funeral Directors in Ludlow from the age of 18 gave him an understanding of the demands, pressures, and joys of pastoral ministry. He was called while we were on holiday, and all of this led to ordination training at the age of 21.

Our curacy was in the far north of the Diocese, and he is now rector of the Apedale Benefice. His enthusiasm for rural ministry is founded from his experience of life in the countryside. The challenges and the joys. I am confident he would be a very good spokesman for Hereford diocese at Synod, doing his best to raise concerns about clergy care, inclusivity, and the value of parish ministry, in a non-partisan manner.

Sam is an engaged, responsible, and energetic person who wouldn't squander the chance to speak on behalf of the diocese and of anyone who is marginalised. He listens carefully to all sides of an argument but never fails to stand up for what he has discerned to be right. It seems like the perfect role for him, his natural environment so to speak, as he was tempted when he was younger to go into politics so he could help make the world a better place.



Any of you who've heard Sam speaking at meetings or on zoom will probably recognise these traits. We are both annoying outspoken young people I'm afraid! Counter to the stereotype, however, we are actually passionate about being moderate. It's important to reflect the people who send you to speak on behalf of them.

Sam is self-deprecating enough that I thought you would get a more honest picture from me as to why he has decided to stand for General Synod. I hope you vote for him.