

Appointment of Bishop of Liverpool: 18 October 2022

Press release

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John hails from the ancient Syrian Christian community in Kerala, India, and trained for ministry at Union Biblical Seminary, Pune. He worked as a youth worker for university students and as a theological educator before his ordination in the Diocese of Calcutta, Church of North India.

He was Curate at St John's Church, Calcutta, from 1994 and was appointed Vicar at St James' Church in 1995. John then served as Vicar of St Thomas' Church in 2000, as well as Chaplain at St Thomas' Secondary School.

In 2002, John moved to the UK and was appointed Associate Rector at St George's Church, Beckenham, in the Diocese of Rochester. He then served as Team Vicar of Northfleet and Rosherville in addition to Diocesan Advisor for Thames Gateway Regeneration. In 2008, he was appointed Vicar at All Saints Perry Street and served also as Diocesan Urban Officer.

John was appointed Archdeacon of Barking in 2013, in the Diocese of Chelmsford, and took up his current role as Area Bishop of Bradwell in 2018. He chairs the Churches Refugee Network for Britain and Ireland and is the Church of England's lead bishop for Churches Together in Britain and Ireland.

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