

ST NINIAN'S, PORTPATRICK - PRIEST PROFILE

We at St. Ninian's have a broad, realistic approach to a cleric for WEC.

We think we would be very fortunate to have a choice; on a 3 Church split we are talking about 6hrs/a day, per Church per week after Sundays, Service preparation, a rest day, Regional and other Church meetings.

All our Sunday Services to be at 10.30 am with the incumbent having at least 1/2hr to spend with the congregation after the Service.

Other important Service days as near 10.30am as possible.

We use the 1982 Liturgy and are happy with that for the time being; we're pretty traditional but that is not to say we are immune to gradual change.

Our focus is very much on visitors and nurturing our congregation so someone who would enjoy getting out and about in Portpatrick village would be a huge asset. Pubs included.

Someone who can winkle their way into Portpatrick School is a priority – that would involve getting the teachers on side to explain to the pupils who a visitor might be.

It would be a huge plus if time could be given to pastoral care in the community and spiritual leadership but in reality we have, with the exception of a couple of years, have only ever had Services taken for us by an incumbent from St. John's, with preparation for Baptism and Confirmation when required.

The Kirk is terribly short of incumbents and there is talk of their closing yet another Church in Stranraer which will leave just one – there are many other denominations in the town.

We doubt whether someone who has solely worked in inner cities would adapt to the distances involved plus the rural outlook.

We are concerned that Glenluce is rather a lonely spot but understand the sighting of the Vicarage is non negotiable. There is a school and Surgery. Applicants should understand it is approx 6 MLS to a WEC Church, they must like motoring. Anyone with a family member with a long term health issue might find frequent journeys to Dumfries rather arduous. Prefer a minimum contract of not less than 3 years.

We'd like to draw attention to the vicarage. It has a huge lawn area, there was/is a ride on mower, good for get togethers.

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