

The Call Section - the Wigtownshire Group of Episcopal Churches

The churches of the Wigtown Cluster are looking for a deeply spiritual, enthusiastic, and dedicated Priest-in-Charge who enjoys rural ministry and the unique gifts and challenges inherent in such a setting. Each of our charges is a family sized congregation who pride ourselves on being spiritually focused, friendly, and welcoming. We hope our new Priest-in-Charge will help us to develop the links between our congregations. In the past our collaborative fellowship, formation, and worship opportunities have been limited due to geographical restrictions. We would like to work with our Priest-in-Charge to overcome these obstacles so we may grow in relationship with one another and with Christ.

We would like our Priest-in-Charge to have an interest in equally supporting and developing the individual congregations, respecting our differences, and caring for our varied needs. We hope our new priest will lead us in mission and will, with our support, actively encourage outreach into the local communities: spiritually, socially, and ecumenically.

A strength in our charges is the dedicated support of volunteers trained in authorised lay ministries. We hope our new Priest-in-Charge will work with these individuals to provide training and encouragement so they may support the new priest in ministry.

We are looking for a priest who...

Authentically lives their faith in all aspects of life

Communicates their love of God to us and helps us develop that love with one another

Walks alongside each of us in our pilgrimage of faith

Helps us to grow spiritually and numerically

Recognizes how their charisms fit with our needs

Encourages us to strengthen our bond as a united group of charges

Embraces our needs, highlights our strengths, and helps us to move forward in a positive way

Enjoys going into schools and pubs in equal measure

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The unique gifts and skills we hope our new priest may possess...

People skills, especially communication and listening

Genuinely caring for congregations

Pastoral Care – ability to empathize with people without judgement

Creative problem solving

Thoughtful teaching

Engaging preaching style

Collaborative Servant Leadership

Tech savvy – ability to use digital media for mission

Administratively competent

Skilled in delegation

Charges

All Saints', Challoch

St. Ninian's, Portpatrick

St. John the Evangelist, Stranraer

All three charges are in Wigtownshire, Dumfries and Galloway. A Linked Charge in accordance with Canon 36.

The Work

The job is governed by the Code of Canons of the Scottish Episcopal Church and the constitutions of the three charges. There is a Memorandum of Agreement between the three charges.

The Position

Priest in charge for the three charges, a full time position.

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The Appointment

A Stipend is payable in accordance with the rates set down by the Scottish Episcopal Church together with a Non-contributory pension scheme.

Allowances

Travel, telephone, and council tax expenses are reimbursed.

Personal

Must hold a UK driving licence

Should have at least basic computer skills

Accommodation

"Glenview", Glenjorrie Ave., Glenluce, DG8 0GW

