

St John's Church Stranraer and Saint Ninian's Portpatrick are looking for a dedicated priest in charge with unique gifts to confront the challenges inherent in such a rural setting; we hope they will be deeply spiritual and enthusiastic.

Whilst we are two small family size congregations we hope our new priest in charge will help us to develop links between ourselves, whilst respecting the two congregation's individuality; we both pride ourselves on being spiritually focused, friendly and welcoming.

Whilst respecting the individuality of the two congregations we would like a priest in charge to have an interest in equally supporting their varying needs.

St John's has the dedicated support of volunteers trained and authorised in the lay ministry; we hope our new priest in charge will work with these individuals to provide training and encouragement so that they are able to support the new priest in their ministry.

Ideally we are looking for a priest in charge who enjoys going into schools and pubs in equal measure that will drive the Church whilst embracing our needs and highlighting our strength; help us to grow spiritually and numerically and a walk along with each and every one of us in our pilgrimage of faith.

It would be much appreciated if the Priest in Charge was Tech savvy – ability to use digital media for ministry and with the patience and sense of humour, to help St Ninian's in particular, with their efforts in this field.

A discerning ability to develop the present and future Lay Ministry in both charges.
Enjoys pastoral care.

Charges

St. Ninian's, Portpatrick

St. John the Evangelist, Stranraer

Both charges are in Wigtownshire, Dumfries and Galloway. These are not linked charges as described in Canon 36.

The Work

The job is governed by the Code of Canons of the Scottish Episcopal Church and the constitutions of both charges.

The Position

Priest in charge equally shared by both charges, reviewed after 3 years.

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

A house is to be provided by the Diocesan Property Committee convenient for both charges and the needs of the Rector and his/her family.