

Scottish Episcopal Church
St Ninian's Porpatrick and St John the Evangelist Stranraer

Priest-in-Charge Profile

3 year post extendable to 5 years at midway review

We are seeking a Priest who is warm, inclusive and welcoming, will help us build on our achievements, guide us as we develop a vision for the future and help to lead us in discerning the future shape of ministry and outreach in these two Charges.

The Priest should have a clear Anglican expression of the Christian faith, a love of God and people along with a passion for recognising and drawing out and nurturing people's strengths and gifts.

The Priest should have a solid understanding of the Anglican liturgical expression of faith through the Church's year.

The Priest should be able to lead 'traditional' and more innovative worship with ease and be happy to share leadership with authorised lay worship leaders.

The Priest should be able to make connections in the communities we serve and build relationships with key stakeholders to foster cooperation and create a greater role for the Charges in the wider community life. Our role and the role of our Priest in the wider community is particularly important to us.

The Priest should develop ecumenical links as well as forge our relationships with local organisations and develop our involvement in social and community issues.

We would like our new Priest to have the following skills and experience:

- Experience of bringing people together and growing congregations both numerically and spiritually.
- A people person who is approachable, warm, openminded and compassionate.
- Experience of developing a holiday-maker ministry and working in a town setting
- experience of working with community groups and multiple groups sharing a building whilst maintaining a sense of holiness
- a sense of inclusiveness and the ability to build bridges between different groups

We would like our Priest to:

- Be respectful of the traditions of the Episcopal Church but also bring energy and new ideas.
- Have good listening skills and be able to relate to and communicate with people
- Understand the importance and power of music (recorded and live) to the congregation and actively look for ways to develop this further along with the use of silence.
- Have a passion for pastoral care
- Be able to grow us from dependence upon Diocesan support to stand on our own financial feet in the life of the diocese
- Suitably literate with zoom and streaming to allow us to develop our online offerings
- Have a good sense of humour and the desire to get stuck in!

A driving license is essential for this post

