DIOCESE OF GLASGOW AND GALLOWAY Scottish Episcopal Church



From the Bishop: The Right Reverend Kevin Pearson

Dear Friend,

Thank you for taking the time and prayerful energy to consider applying for the initial 3-year post of *Priest-in-Charge of the two Charges of St Cuthbert's Cambuslang and St Mark's East Kilbride* and becoming part of the Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway. This post is being funded by the Charge for 3 years from the two Vestries resources and supplemented by a Ministry Support Grant from the Diocesan Council to discern the way ahead into the next chapter of ministry and mission in these two Charges. It is anticipated that the priest appointed could be made Rector in due course if all pans out clearly and sufficient financial resources are raised locally to Canonically support this.

As we all emerge from the pandemic experiences the St Mark's and St Cuthbert's congregations are looking to engage with their local communities in new and appropriate ways, whilst nurturing the spiritual needs of the congregations whose eucharistic tradition is central to their worship life.

These two Charges have been working together for many years and know each other well. There is high quality lay leadership to be drawn upon in helping to shape the future, as well as opportunity for outreach in new and innovative ways.

The video profiles show the extent to which you would be able to engage in supporting the spiritual growth of the Charge members as well as reaching out to the communities they serve.

With regard to the 2017 Same-Sex Marriage Canon the Vestries indicated their general support for a priest who might wish to register to conduct equal marriage ceremonies. The ministry of men and women is exercised through priestly ministry and lay worship leaders.

A great sense of fun, getting involved and leading side-by-side is sought in the next priest to draw out the skills and talents which are ripe for nurturing further.

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As a Diocese we have been developing a Wellbeing support for our our priests and their households, in their ministry, with specialist resources readily, and confidentially accessible at any time of need. We also have a thorough programme of Diocesan and National induction to support Anglican priests coming into the Scottish Episcopal Church, enabling you to understand the workings of an inclusive church environment. We have no bars on access to ministry or the sacramental life on grounds of gender, gender-identity or sexuality. We are a church which celebrates marriages for all couples who wish to make their vows in our buildings according to the rites and ceremonies of the Scottish Episcopal Church. Please do study our liturgies all of which may be found at

https://www.scotland.anglican.org/who-we-are/publications/liturgies/

All priests in the Diocese are paid their stipend directly by the Vestry of their Charge. There are many opportunities for those with Charge to take on wider Diocesan and Provincial roles in which they may recognise and develop their gifts and talents.

Priests are supported in their ministry development through the current 'Clergy Learning Accounts' scheme, linked to the 'Clergy Ministry Review' process (currently being reviewed) and a variety of Diocesan wide monthly and seasonal clergy theological engagement forums, conferences and days. All priests new to post are part of the "Fresh Start" group of clergy who are new to post during their first 18 months in office. This has proved to be a valuable and effective way to enable priests to learn about the diocese and bring their current questions for peer-support advise on a monthly basis.

As you consider the documentation and videos involved in this application pack please look at the Diocesan website and social media channels listed below and the National Provincial website to help you get a true feel for the expression of our Anglican faith through the Scottish Episcopal Church.

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If you would like to have a conversation about this role, please email me and we can make an appointment for an informal discussion by zoom as you discern, in the power of the Holy Spirit, God's will for the exercise of your future ministry

In prayerful anticipation of meeting you,

+ Kevin

Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway bishop@glasgow.anglican.org

Useful websites:

Diocesan Website https://www.glasgow.anglican.org/

Diocesan Facebook pages https://www.facebook.com/GGEpiscopal

Diocesan Map of Charges bit.ly/MapGG

Scottish Episcopal Church Provincial website <u>https://www.scotland.anglican.org/</u> National Clergy Terms and Conditions <u>https://www.scotland.anglican.org/vestry-</u> <u>resources/appointments-and-employment/</u>