

Person Specification

Priest in Charge – Kirkdale Churches



Each of the following criteria may be assessed via: application form; interview or presentation

	Essential requirements	Desirable requirements
Qualifications	<p>Ordained (recognised by the Church of England)</p> <p>Completion of a recognised course of theological studies</p>	
Theological	<p>Can demonstrate application of theological learning to pastoral situations</p> <p>Commitment to the ministry of the whole people of God (Setting God's people free)</p> <p>Demonstrates deep listening to God, the community, church life and scripture to help shape plans</p> <p>Comfortable leading worship in the low church/evangelical tradition</p> <p>Willing to work within the 5 Guiding Principles, and specifically comfortable in this context in affirming and working with an ordained female SSM colleague</p>	<p>Commitment to the theological understanding and development of fresh expressions of church and missional communities</p> <p>Experience of leading theological reflection and small group teaching in ways which connect with diverse and deprived communities</p>
Spiritual / Personal qualities	<p>Has an active Christian faith based on regular worship, study of the bible and prayer</p> <p>Has a passion for working with people in the community</p> <p>Committed to life long learning and developing their knowledge and understanding</p> <p>A proven problem solver with resilience and flexibility</p>	<p>Able to handle disputes and complaints with grace and firmness as required</p> <p>An entrepreneurial spirit, open to new ways of working</p> <p>Experience in partnering with the wider community including ecumenical colleagues and those of other faiths and none</p>
Vision and Leadership	<p>A people-person with a strong pastoral instinct who will be active in the local community</p>	<p>Have experience and understanding of ministry within a deprived urban church setting</p>

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	<p>An effective communicator and leader</p> <p>Able to lead and work well within a team of ordained and lay colleagues – commitment to team working as the Deanery explores pastoral reorganisation under the diocesan Fit for Mission strategy</p> <p>Able to identify and release new leaders through encouraging gifts in others</p>	<p>Responsive and flexible to emerging needs</p> <p>Experience in leading a congregation to identify, explore and pursue local mission opportunities, for church growth</p>
Managerial	<p>Capable of prioritising and focussing on key things</p> <p>Able to delegate and devolve responsibility keeping people to account for their areas of responsibility</p>	<p>Experience of coordinating the management of people, resources and buildings</p> <p>Have good time-management and self-organisation skills</p>
Financial	<p>Awareness of financial issues and procedures</p> <p>Willingness to lead an annual cycle of stewardship</p>	<p>Understanding and commitment to advocating for the diocesan parish share model (Deanery parish share) and the parish giving scheme</p>
IT Skills	<p>A functional level of computer literacy</p> <p>Enough understanding of social media/comms to be able to plan and delegate to others</p>	<p>Understand web sites, social media communication and design</p>
Experience	<p>Experience of leading or managing volunteers</p> <p>At least three years full time experience of ordained parish ministry: this could be a first post of responsibility for the right person</p>	<p>Experience of bringing a team of churches together and establishing healthy ways of working across a team of churches</p> <p>Experience of working within a multi-cultural context / parish</p>
Knowledge and skills	<p>Able to chair and facilitate meetings; good understanding of parochial governance</p> <p>An understanding of and commitment to the highest standards of safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults</p>	<p>Ability to facilitate events and teaching sessions</p>

The Employment Equality (Religion and Belief) Regulations, Section 7.2 applies to this post

This post will require an enhanced check from the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS), together with a check of the barred lists. These will be renewed at least every five years.