

**Scottish Episcopal Church
St Mary's Carden Place Aberdeen**

Rector Profile

We are seeking a gifted priest to be the Rector of St Mary's Carden Place Aberdeen, who is ready to work with and care for us. St. Mary's enjoys a traditional style of worship and shares an open table at Communion. We are interested in new approaches and would welcome a candidate with the ability to lead our growth as a church.

We are looking for a strong leader, living his or her own faith, with good social skills and an ongoing commitment to the congregation, diocese and Scottish Episcopal Church. We believe a period of extended tenure and stability is important to the well-being and happiness of our church: from a secure, caring atmosphere we believe that individual and church development will evolve and be embraced by the congregation.

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

- Effective communication skills, including IT, across a variety of ages and backgrounds
- Some 'management' experience, in or out of church
- Self-starting approach combined with good time management
- Ability to listen, motivate, and initiate action
- Ease and experience with visiting and support of parishioners
- Ability to focus individual and group energies
- Appreciation of the value of music in worship
- Vision to develop our church life in imaginative ways

We would like our Rector to:

- Be kind, caring and at one with God's love
- Maintain our open table policy at Communion
- Be an individual with integrity, content in themselves, who is empathic and happy to embrace being integral to a diverse, caring Church family
- Possess a willingness to be an active part of the social life of the church
- Have an appreciation of fun and a sense of humour
- Work with the vestry and congregation in consensual decision-making
- Be committed to working with lay and ordained, male and female colleagues in all areas of church life
- Work collegiately and effectively with our Assistant Priest
- Be a visible and active presence in the church and in the local community

We hope our new Rector will bring a period of confidence and continuity to St Mary's and lead us through the challenges of growth, collaboration and mission.

Development of Aberdeen Churches

The Bishop is currently undertaking a review of the ministry and mission of the Scottish Episcopal Churches in Aberdeen. There is a very strong likelihood that the next Rector of St Mary's will be asked to oversee another small church or congregation in the city. Anyone considering applying for this post is very welcome to discuss this or other matters with the Bishop, who can be contacted through her office by email: bishop@aberdeen.anglican.org <<mailto:bishop@aberdeen.anglican.org>>