

A letter from the Vestry Secretary – Derek Buchan

Good evening

Firstly, I'm attaching the November newsletter with thanks as always to Linda for acting as editor.

Secondly, I'm updating you on developments in appointing a new Priest. To recap, the plan is to appoint a Priest whom we would share with our friends at Holy Rood Carnoustie for a period of three years. But please remember that the two Churches would retain their separate identities: it is only the services of the Priest that would be shared.

To plan all this, Bishop Andrew established a Joint Planning Group with representatives from Monifieth and Carnoustie. Our own team comprises Pat Millar, Keith Florence, Linda Walls and myself. The Group was tasked initially with three issues:

1. To develop a Person Profile: what qualities and skills are we looking for?
2. To prepare a Parish Profile with information about the two Churches, the surrounding area and our communities.
3. To prepare a "job advert" for publication in Church Times.

All three projects have been worked on and agreed by the Joint Group. The advert will appear in next week's issue of Church Times and will reappear weekly until the Bishop withdraws it. There is a closing date of 8 December for interested parties following which interviews with potential candidates will take place in the New Year (probably a combination of Zoom or Skype and socially distant personal meetings).

All in all therefore, plenty of work has been going on in the background and Bishop Andrew is happy that our planning is on schedule. While the initial work may be over, the Joint Group will have plenty to occupy itself going forward into next year.

I'll continue to keep you up to date with progress but if you have any questions in the meantime, do contact any of our representatives on the Joint Group.

With kind regards

Derek

Vestry Secretary