

Candidate Brief for Methlick Minister

The Position

Methlick Parish Church seeks to appoint a new minister on a 0.5 FTE basis. This could be Sunday plus two other days. The working hours will form a key part of the discussion at interview.

This is a great opportunity for someone who is passionate about joining an active and growing church community, interested in gospel interpretation in relation to modern day challenges and how it can further guide our Church in attracting and supporting the wider community.

The overall purpose of the role is to give a solid foundation and fresh thinking to our regular worship services whilst providing leadership and guidance to everyone involved across all facets of church life.

The successful candidate will be required to draw up and deliver a coherent strategy to improve and grow our church community through prayer, congregational consultation and excellent community engagement.

The Role of Minister

The role will offer the successful candidate several opportunities and benefits including:

- Working in a friendly rural community in a much sought after part of Aberdeenshire with a diverse population.
- Living accommodation provided in a modern manse in the village of Methlick
- Ability to influence and drive new thinking with a supportive church family
- Potential for professional development where appropriate
- Creating church growth and impact through wider stakeholder interaction

Key Responsibilities

- To assemble and build up the body of Christ by proclaiming and teaching the Word of God, by celebrating the sacraments, and by guiding the life of the community in its worship, its mission, its prayers and its caring ministry
- At all times to provide strong worship and spiritual leadership with Jesus at its core
- Guide and interact in a meaningful way with all Methlick Church groups
- Provide guidance/direction and leadership with the Kirk Session, sharing information at all times
- Work with the local community and local organisations to provide knowledge of who we are, what we provide and develop ways to interact at every opportunity
- Interface with Presbytery, the wider Church of Scotland, other denominational groups and other local churches as agreed with our Session and Congregation

- Children and Youth are a major priority for our church and the need for a well thought out and ongoing plan to support and develop them is critical.
- Provide pastoral care at all levels
- Together with the Kirk session and Treasurer, ensure that the church operates efficiently and effectively from a financial perspective

Person Specification

We are seeking someone with superb leadership skills and is a fully qualified Church of Scotland Minister. Ideally the individual will, at their core, have a compassionate and caring nature matched with a lively outgoing people orientated personality.

Recruitment Process

Applications in the form of short CV and covering letter should be sent by email to: Katherine Storey, Nominating Committee Clerk at katherine.storey@aol.co.uk
If you need to speak with Katherine she can be reached on 07968268360

Informal enquiries and questions should be directed to Derrick Thomson, Nominating Committee Member at derrickthomson@mac.com or by calling 07463988200

It is anticipated that interviews for the post of Methlick Parish Church Minister will take place in July/August 2025.

Interviews will take place in person in Methlick, Aberdeenshire, Scotland with the selected Nominating Committee panel. The Nominating Committee will also seek to hear the candidates preach at a separate location (TBA) as part of the selection process.

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