



**SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
THE UNITED DIOCESE OF ARGYLL AND THE ISLES  
DALRIADA PASTORATE  
ST KIARAN'S CHURCH, CAMPBELTOWN SC023277  
and ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH, ISLE OF ISLAY SC018473**



## **PRIEST WITH HOUSE FOR DUTY**

*Will you come and share in our vision to develop and grow in faith as we worship, share together in fellowship, and reach out into our communities?*

The Bishop and Vestries are looking to appoint a house-for-duty priest for an initial period of five years.

It is expected that the person appointed will serve on Sundays and 2 days each week, although a more flexible working pattern might be considered. They will be working with small but committed congregations and supportive and dedicated Vestries, committed to the maintenance and development of the Episcopal presence in these beautiful parts of the Diocese of Argyll and The Isles.

We offer:

- Expenses of office & water/ council tax paid
- Accommodation provided in a modern three-bedroom house
- The presence of retired priests within the Campbeltown congregation, licensed to assist
- Good ecumenical relations
- Fellowship and pastoral support through the Dalriada Pastorate, currently led by the Rector of Mid-Argyll and Arran and supportive diocesan clergy.

We seek someone:

- willing to work within the Campbeltown community (around 4,500 inhabitants) and on Islay (3,300 inhabitants)
- engage in pastoral visiting, including home communion
- to lead baptisms, weddings and funerals as required
- To support, guide, and lead the small congregation in their witness to Christ
- Respect the sacramental tradition of the Scottish Episcopal Church

Applicants must be a priest of the Anglican Communion or of a church in full communion with the Scottish Episcopal Church. Enhanced disclosure will be required.

Those interested are invited to contact the Bishop ([bishop@argyll.anglican.org](mailto:bishop@argyll.anglican.org)) for further information.



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ST KIARAN'S CHURCH, CAMPBELTOWN  
Charity No. SC023277

St Kieran's is a Category C Church on Argyll Street, in the heart of Campbeltown. The congregation is small but dedicated to witnessing for Christ. It has been led for the past 13 years by a Lay Chaplain, with sacramental assistance from the now retired former stipendiary priest. Services are currently led by two diocesan licensed lay-leaders and (monthly) by our retired priest. The pattern of services at the present time is one full Eucharist, two or three services of Holy Communion from the reserved sacrament and one Morning Prayer followed by 'Theological Reflection' each month.



The church also provides Bible Reading Fellowship daily reading notes for all the congregation, and these are reflected upon after a midweek Morning Prayer service on a monthly basis.

There are 7 members of Vestry. One member of Vestry is the Vulnerable People's co-ordinator and Synod Representative and another acts as Secretary/Treasurer. The congregation is elderly but active, usually numbering between 6 and 12, often with additional visitors.

The church maintains its finances well, through regular giving, usually gift-aided, and engages in fund-raising through Tabletop Sales in the summer months together with other activities. There are good ecumenical relations, especially with the Church of Scotland, two Vestry Members being committee members of the local branch of the Bible Reading Society. St Kieran's produces a regular quarterly newsletter, edited by the former Lay Chaplain.

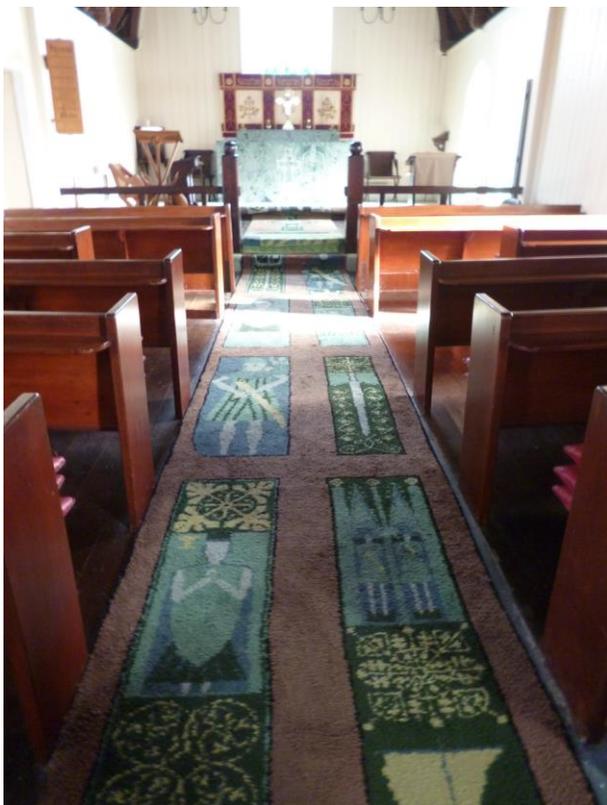


The church dates from about 1840. It is a large open church with a vestry on one side containing a small catering area and inside lavatories. It holds a small library of Christian books and a sales table of bric-a-brac within the church. The seating is made up of modern, upholstered chairs with tapestry kneelers made by former members of the congregation. The organ is a modern electronic one. There is also a pipe organ, though this is currently rarely used. The church provides a sound/loop system and is heated. There are small gardens to the front and rear of the church. The church is planning to provide a more mobility friendly access to the front of the building.

ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH, BRIDGEND,  
ISLE OF ISLAY  
Charity No. SC018473

It is envisaged that the person appointed will have a pastoral relationship with the Episcopal church on the Isle of Islay and conduct public worship there on a monthly basis.

St Columba's Church on Islay was established as a Mission Church attached to St Kieran's in Campbeltown, in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century. St Columba's is a small church, with pews. It has an efficient and economic heating system.



The church is currently led by a diocesan licensed lay-leader. The vestry has 8 members, one of whom is the Secretary and Synod Representative, and another is the organist and treasurer. In association with St Kieran's, the church looks for appropriate support for its ongoing ministry on Islay.

Services are currently held monthly, with a congregation of 6-12 people, ranging from families with children to the elderly. The local Roman Catholic congregation worships in St Columba's, and there are good ecumenical relations. During the summer months we have held *Shop in the Church* events which have not only been good fundraising events but also have brought the community together.



Westport Beach by Campbeltown

## LOCATION

Both Islay and Kintyre are in areas of the most stunning beauty. They both have their own natural characteristics, different from the other, but full of wildlife, mountains, hills, fertile land, rivers, sandy beaches, and rocky coves. Neither has any local bus services on Sundays. Islay has two RSPB reserves and is famous for its over-wintering geese, malt whisky and an international golf course.

Campbeltown also boasts famous whisky distilleries and golf courses.

The main businesses of both areas are agriculture, fishing, whisky distilling and tourism. The population is around 3,300 for Islay and 4,500 for Campbeltown. The area around Kintyre and Islay is known as Dalriada by the local inhabitants.

Campbeltown is accessed by an extremely good daily, frequent coach service (all year round) to and from Glasgow, which also connects with Kennacraig, the ferry terminal for Islay. Islay can also be accessed on certain days by ferry and plane from Oban. In the Summer there is a passenger ferry which connects both Islay and Campbeltown with Ballycastle in Northern Ireland, and a car and passenger ferry connecting Campbeltown with Arran and Ardrossan. Both Campbeltown and Islay have their own International Airports, the Campbeltown airport being very close to the Pastorate House.

Both Campbeltown and Islay have Community Hospitals, care homes, dental surgeries, Health Centres, rural GP surgeries, and primary and senior schools. There is also a Gaelic College on Islay.

## THE PASTORATE HOUSE

The Pastorate house is a modern, mid terrace house on the Sound of Kintyre facing the Machrihanish Base (where an American Airforce Base was housed until around some 15 years ago) which is now a busy industrial estate serving the Campbeltown community, with views of the sea beyond. The Campbeltown Airport is just 5 minutes away by car. The back of the property has views of the surrounding hills and countryside. It has two double-sized bedrooms and a study/single bedroom, a fully fitted kitchen/dining area with oven and washing machine together with a small fridge housed in the porch. There is plenty of storage and an electrical heating system. It has small gardens to the front and rear, a shed and its own car parking area. Access to a golf course and a superb sandy beach is a short walk away.



The Pastorate House in Campbeltown