

The Acting Bishop of Carlisle is looking to appoint a prayerful, faithful, resourceful and imaginative priest as Archdeacon of Carlisle.

At the beating heart of the Diocese of Carlisle is a love for Jesus Christ and a passion to spread the Good News, as together we seek God’s kingdom across this unique region. Our mission and ministry play out in a county of contrasts: the celebrated beauty of the Lakes sits alongside more gritty urban settings. This is a place where roots go deep and tradition is precious, but where we’re also willing to pioneer new pathways.

**Might God be calling you to join us?**

The Acting Bishop of Carlisle is seeking an Archdeacon who will:

* Contribute to the leadership of the diocese by
	+ sharing closely with the Bishop in the pastoral care of clergy, lay leaders and churches,
	+ working collaboratively with other members of the Diocesan team.
* Implement the ecumenical God for All vision in the Archdeaconry of Carlisle by
	+ encouraging and equipping local leaders and local churches across our mixed ecology of church,
	+ establishing new initiatives, mission communities, church plants and pioneering ministry,
	+ using all the statutory functions of an Archdeacon to progress the strategy.

The Archdeacon of Carlisle will need to be:

* a prayerful and pastoral person of deep and hope-filled faith,
* a person with imagination and resilience,
* able to work with legal processes and handle difficult situations,
* able to work well with people from all backgrounds, church traditions and denominations,
* passionate about mission and helping people grow as disciples of Christ.

Background information and application papers are available from [Diocese of Carlisle - Vacancies (carlislediocese.org.uk)](https://www.carlislediocese.org.uk/vacancies/). We encourage a broad range of applicants, including those who would potentially increase the diversity of the Bishop's Leadership Team. Applicants should have been a priest with at least six years’ ordained experience. Applicants are strongly encouraged to arrange a telephone conversation with the Acting Bishop of Carlisle as part of their discernment. Please telephone the Bishop’s Office on 017687 73430 to arrange an appointment.

Applications should be sent to Liz.Howson@carlislediocese.org.uk

Closing date for applications: 15th February 2024

Interviews: 15th March 2024