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**Priest-in-Charge** (interim\*)

**Benefice of the Barony of Burgh**

We are six parishes on the lovely southern shore of the Solway where we believe that there is great potential for the church to be a reinvigorated asset within our village communities.

**We are praying for a new priest who:**

* Takes a central theological position and is able to embrace a range of practice and traditions in growing congregations.
* Understands rural ministry, and who can help us to be sustainable spiritually, practically, and financially.
* Has welcoming policies on open baptism, and on marriage, and who is inclusive in relation to diversity.
* Is keen to offer pastoral and cultural support to families, children, and our schools.
* Will lead pastoral care, and its oversight.
* Can be a leader and guide in lay ministry, a core element in our Benefice Plan.
* Is willing to be visible and active in all aspects of community life.
* Will respect parish identities whilst working with interdenominational partners, becoming a gentle unifying force in our communities and congregations.

This is a full-time stipendiary post (£30,912)

\*This post is interim for 2 years in the first instance pending pastoral reorganisation – see profile for details.

For an informal conversation, please contact the Archdeacon via Bishop’s Office on

017687 73430. For more information (including profile and application form) please visit [www.carlislediocese.org.uk/vacancies](http://www.carlislediocese.org.uk/vacancies)

**Closing date: 12th September 2024**

**Interview date: 8th October 2024**