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**Vicar of the Benefice of Crosthwaite, Cartmel Fell, Witherslack and Winster (held in plurality) and Priest in Charge of the Benefice of Underbarrow with Helsington**

**The churches of the Lyth and Winster Valleys in the South Lakes are looking for a new Vicar.**

Are you forward-thinking, proactive and inspirational?

Do you have vision and empathy to help us with the task of mission and deepening of faith in our rural villages?

Will you help us to discern God’s priorities for us, and lead and support us going forward?

**We are looking for someone who**

* is a person of prayer and of strong faith, with a focus on growing and making disciples
* is a team player, able to work collaboratively with lay and clergy, and able to recognise and make the best use of people’s strengths and abilities
* is welcoming and outgoing, with good humour and a sense of fun
* will have broad sympathy with and respect for the diversity of our different churches.

**This person will**

* take overall pastoral responsibility for the five parishes and, as Co-leader of the Mission Community, help us develop and strengthen further our links with each other
* work with us to develop a broader outreach to the local community, especially younger people and families, looking at different ways of ‘doing church’
* be a pastor with a big heart for both church members and the wider communities
* strengthen and develop the existing links with the schools in our parishes and increase the Christian presence in each.

**We offer**

* supportive congregations
* a committed team of lay and ordained colleagues
* cheerful, welcoming communities
* a beautiful place to live and work in the Lake District National Park, within easy reach of the thriving market town of Kendal, with its mainline railway station and access to the M6.

**This is a full time stipendiary post (£30,912 as at April 2024)**

For more information contact the Archdeacon of Westmorland and Furness: Ven Vernon Ross Email: [archdeacon.south@carlislediocese.org.uk](mailto:archdeacon.south@carlislediocese.org.uk) Tel: 07388 377105

For further details and application pack please visit [www.carlislediocese.org.uk/vacancies](http://www.carlislediocese.org.uk/vacancies)

**Closing date:** 19th February 2025

**Interview date:** 20th March 2025