**Person Specification**

**House-for-Duty Priest-in-Charge**

**St Columba Darlington**

St Columba’s seeks a minister who will help us to embrace the opportunities for mission in our parish and energise growth. They will work with us in developing our faith, gifts and mission, helping us to fulfil our mission statement:

“Here to worship and serve God

by sharing the good news of His love

with the people of the community

by witness, teaching and fellowship.”

Specifically, our new Priest in Charge will:

* **work with us and alongside us** in our mission in this parish;
* give us **leadership and confidence** in developing that mission;
* be committed to that mission, leading by example in helping us **engage with our community**;
* be able to support and be part of our **work with children and young people**, and help with further development in these areas;
* be an **encourager**;
* help us in **nurturing the faith and discipleship** of those who are involved in the life of the church;
* be committed to and skilled in the **development of lay ministry, lay leadership**, and helping church members to identify and grow in the use of their gifts;
* be a **prayerful person**, and able to encourage others in prayer;
* be a person who **models love and care** for the people of the congregation and the parish.

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