



The Scottish Episcopal Church  
**The Diocese of Brechin**

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To: Potential applicants

Greetings,

Transitional Priest: St Ternan's Muchalls and St James' Stonehaven

I am delighted that you are considering an application for this post. As we continue to move through Covid-19 constraints, our ministries and church communities have been stretched and re-formed, and I am excited that in the midst of this change you are wondering if God is calling you to this ministry in Aberdeenshire, in this Diocese.

The churches presented in the profile have very different characters and histories. The church communities, supported by their lay teams and diocesan clergy have continued to worship through the pandemic through some considerable time of vacancy before lockdown. The people have worshipped online and in person, they have cared for each other pastorally and they have prayed and prepared for this recruitment process that is now under way. They are in good spirits, and the profile that they have written reflects congregations that are ready to support this three-year project of 'transitional ministry'. There *will* be a ministry that follows this three-year period, but it will inevitably be in a different form in terms of church communities served, hours of ministry possible or other parameters. The transitional project will explore and recommend options.

The post advertised will end at the conclusion of the three years and you would find yourself moving to another role elsewhere. There will always be transitional ministry roles available in the SEC, and we will always need priests with the skills and experience to guide congregations through transition, so I would encourage you to think in those terms.

Please be assured of my prayers for you as you consider if this may be where your vocation will next develop and deepen. Please do contact me via the office [office@brechin.anglican.org](mailto:office@brechin.anglican.org) if you would like to know any more about the churches, the diocese or any aspect of the Scottish Episcopal Church in this place. I would be very happy to have a discussion by phone or video call.

With every blessing,

The Right Reverend Andrew Swift  
Bishop of Brechin  
Scottish Episcopal Church