

## **BASIS OF REVIEWABLE CHARGE – Coldstream and District**

By decision of the Presbytery of Lothian & Borders the charge of Coldstream and District, comprising the congregation of Coldstream and District Parishes (Church of Scotland) (SC001456) linked with the congregation of Eccles and Leitholm Parish Church (Church of Scotland) (SC000031) has been given permission to call a minister on a Basis of Reviewable Charge in terms of section 9.1.1 of the Presbytery Mission Plan Act (Act 8, 2021), and that on the following conditions:

- 1) The Presbytery shall undertake an interim review of the appointment **three years from the date of induction of the minister and further reviews at years 5, 8 and 10.**
- 2) At the review, the Presbytery shall consider with the Kirk Sessions:
  - a) whether the life of the congregation exhibits the five Marks of Mission i.e.
    - i. to proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom;
    - ii. to teach, baptise and nurture new believers;
    - iii. to respond to human need by loving service;
    - iv. to seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation; and
    - v. to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth.
  - b) whether the life of the congregations exhibit the five purposes of the church, i.e. worship, service, discipleship, fellowship and evangelism and whether these are in a healthy balance;
  - c) **how the 20%/80% split between work in the congregational base of Coldstream and District and the wider Parish Grouping has been operated.**
  - d) **the development of the 'Worship' specialism within both Coldstream and District and the wider Parish Grouping.**
  - e) **the extent to which a leadership core has been established in the charge and developed to enable the resourcing of all aspects of church life; and**
  - f) such other matters as may be relevant by that time.
- 3) Following the 5-year review and every subsequent 5 years, the Presbytery shall take a further decision on the future arrangements for ministry to the congregations of the charge of **Coldstream and District** recognising that one of the options available to it is the termination of the tenure of the charge on giving the minister six months' notice in writing.

The minister shall be free to seek to demit or to be translated as in the ordinary case of any minister inducted to a charge, provided that, if this Reviewable Charge is his or her first charge, the Presbytery hereby agree that these conditions constitute exceptional circumstances in terms of Section 4 of the Vacancy Procedure Act (Act 8, 2003), and will accordingly issue the necessary Certificate if he or she seeks to be translated within five years.