20th May 2013

Re: St Matthew Douglas

Dear Father,

Thank you for expressing interest in this wonderful parish. St Matthews has great potential to play a key role in the life of Douglas and the diocese. The Douglas Marina is outside its doors, a host of popular restaurants, pubs and brasseries are its neighbours on the North Quay and the Sea Terminal is in its parish. There is a possibility of another post for a suitably qualified candidate to make the stipend up to a full one; possibly Heritage and Tourism Officer.

This 0.5 post has a slightly enhanced 0.5 stipend. These are the details.

0.5 NMS (22,340) = 11,170
IoM Living Allowance 2,312
IoM Travel Allowance 400 (paid in a lump sum at the end of April) 13,882
Easter Offering c. 1000

£14,882

Plus the DBF is planning to sell the Vicarage as things stand and will make a full housing allowance available: either we will rent and pay the rates on an acceptable flat or house in Douglas, or we will pay the housing allowance to the successful candidate. Details of allowance tbc but assuming a stipendiary priest in need of housing is appointed, likely to be no less than £15,600. Tax on the IoM is 10p in the £ with a personal allowance of £9600, and a married couple may use any or all of each other's allowance.

The deadline for applications is 15th July at 5pm by email or a week earlier by snail mail only. Interviews will be on 26th July. I am planning a 24 hour trip to the island with free travel, hotel accommodation nd a tour of the island, Douglas and the parish on 10th and 11th July for anyone interested in the post. If you are interested please complete the application form for this "Island Experience".

With my prayerful best wishes,

The Venerable Andrew Brown
Archdeacon of Man