**Diocese of Durham**

**St Peter’s Stockton and St John’s Elton: Person Specification / Priorities**

The parishes of St Peter’s and St John’s are looking for a priest who will:

* be a person of prayer, offering spiritual leadership in both parishes.
* work in partnership with a team of committed lay people in both churches to nurture the faithful and then reach out in mission to their communities.
* be highly collaborative, working well with the Associate Priest and a small team of retired clergy.
* make it a priority and have the skills to nurture the discipleship of church members actively through individual support, group study, parish weekends and retreats.
* work within and value the Liberal Catholic tradition, understanding and celebrating the beauty and rhythm of formal worship, including (at St Peter’s) a much-valued musical heritage.
* have the skills to encourage, support and develop new missional initiatives and worship opportunities.
* have the skills to grow and develop mission with children, young people and young adults (St Peter’s have a committed lay team who are keen to expand this work).
* be able to relate to a wide range of people in both communities, represent the church visibly in them, and enable church members to do the same.
* value and promote partnership and shared working with both ecumenical and Deanery colleagues.

*SPS SJE PiC PS v01*

*March 2023*