

**Questionnaire/Interview
Church of Ireland rector**

What is your name? REV. X.

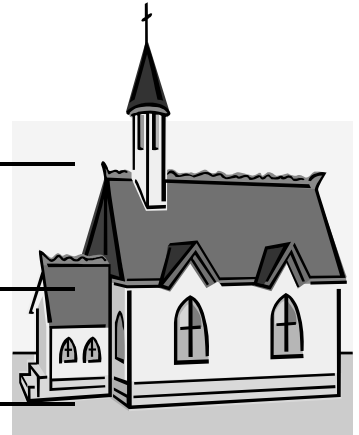
How long have you been a rector/ minister?

10 YEARS

How long have you been rector/ minister here?

3 YEARS

Do you like your job? YES BECAUSE THERE IS
LOTS OF VARIETY



Describe your job on a Sunday? UNLIKE EVERYONE ELSE I
DON'T GET A LIE IN. MY FIRST SERVICE IS AT 8.30AM.
THEN I TAKE TWO MORE SERVICES. SOMETIMES I MAY
BAPTISE A BABY AT ONE OF THESE SERVICES. ONCE A
MONTH THERE IS AN EVENING SERVICE TOO. I USUALLY
HAVE TIME OFF ON A SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

Do you have church services on other days? YES, ONCE A WEEK
THERE IS A QUIET MORNING SERVICE. FUNERAL
SERVICES OR WEDDINGS MAY ALSO TAKE PLACE DURING
THE WEEK.

What other jobs do you do during the week? VISIT SICK
PEOPLE AT HOME OR IN HOSPITAL, VISIT PEOPLE WHO
ARE GOING TO BE MARRIED OR HAVE A BABY TO BE
BAPTISED OR WHO ARE BEREAVED, TAKE SCHOOL
ASSEMBLIES, LEAD CONFIRMATION CLASSES AND BIBLE
STUDY GROUPS WRITE SERMONS AND PREPARE PARISH
NEWSLETTERS, CHAIR CHURCH MEETINGS. SOME WEEKS
MAY BE VERY BUSY IF THERE IS A FUNERAL OR A
WEDDING.

What do you most like about your job? THE CHANCE TO MEET PEOPLE AT ALL THE IMPORTANT TIMES IN THEIR LIVES. THE CHANCE TO HELP PEOPLE.

What do you least like about your job? YOU HAVE TO BE PREPARED TO GIVE THINGS UP OR CHANGE YOUR PLANS IF SOMEONE NEEDS YOU IN A HURRY. YOU DON'T GET TO SIT IN A PEW AT CHURCH - YOU ARE ALWAYS TAKING THE SERVICES EXCEPT FOR WHEN YOU ARE ON HOLIDAYS.

Do you get a day off work? What do you like doing then? YES, I TRY TO TAKE MONDAYS OFF. I GO SWIMMING, WALKING AND READ

Who pays for your job? THE CHURCH OF IRELAND PAYS ME.

The Parish

Who plays the music for the Sunday service?

AN ORGANIST CALLED MS JONES

Who reads the Bible in the Sunday service?

THERE IS A ROTA SO PEOPLE TAKE TURNS- CHILDREN, TEENAGERS AND ADULTS

Who hands out the service books?

THE CHURCH WARDENS

Who collects the money at the service?

THE CHURCH WARDENS AND THEY SOMETIMES ASK PEOPLE TO HELP

Who rings the bell before the service?

THE CHURCH WARDEN OR SOMEONE THEY ASK

Does someone arrange flowers for the service?

YES- PEOPLE TAKE TURNS TO ARRANGE FLOWERS

Does someone clean the church?

YES- PEOPLE TAKE TURNS TO HOOVER AND POLISH THE CHURCH.

Does someone cut the grass/keep the churchyard tidy?

YES WE PAY A MAN WHO COMES ONCE A WEEK IN THE SUMMER TO CUT THE GRASS AND STRIM AROUND THE GRAVES



Who else helps out/does jobs for the parish/church?

PEOPLE HELP OUT ON THE VESTRY (THE CHURCH COMMITTEE) PEOPLE TEACH SUNDAY SCHOOL. OTHER PEOPLE SING IN THE CHOIR . SOME PEOPLE HELP OUT BY GIVING PEOPLE LIFTS TO CHURCH OR BY VISITING PEOPLE WHO CANNOT GET TO CHURCH. THERE ARE LOTS OF PEOPLE OF ALL AGES THAT HELP TO KEEP THE PARISH GOING WEEK BY WEEK.
