

An Invitation from your Parish Church ...

Maxwelltown - West Church

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The congregation of Maxwelltown West invites you to visit us ... or to call upon us if we can help you.

SUNDAY SERVICES: 11.00 am

All ages are welcome, although children will particularly enjoy our FAMILY SERVICES (generally on the last Sunday of the month, although this does vary - see our Church notice in the Friday edition of the 'Dumfries & Galloway Standard')

We have a CRECHE every Sunday

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You don't have to be a 'church member' to come and worship with us. You don't need to bring anything (although we do have an offering during the service); hymnbooks are provided and also a screen presentation.

We have disabled facilities including level access from Rosemount Street, and an induction loop for the hard of hearing

Why not pay us a visit?

For Children & Young People

Our Sunday School groups are: **K-Max** (up to P3) and **J -Max** (P4-P7)

These meet Sunday mornings at 11.00 am from September until the end of May except school holidays.

For 12-16s, we have a youth group called **Y-Max** which meets on Sunday evenings at 7.00pm (usually in the Manse). They take part in our Family Services and other activities.

Max West also has the following Uniformed Organisations:

Beavers, Cub Scouts, Scouts & Explorers meet in the Church Hall on Monday evenings.

Brownies & Guides meet in the Church Hall on Tuesdays and Wednesdays respectively.

For Adults

We have an active **GUILD** branch: monthly meetings (1st Tuesday of the month) with interesting speakers.

The Guild supports national projects at home and abroad.

AFTER EIGHTS - a group for women (last Thursday of the month)

GOOD COMPANIONS – lively companionship, speakers and entertainment for the 'young at heart' (fortnightly on Wednesday afternoons)

BADMINTON CLUB - Tuesday & Thursday evenings

LADIES BADMINTON CLUB – Wednesday afternoons.

(These groups meet from autumn till spring)

Any questions? Please ask at the church door any Sunday or visit the Church website – www.maxwelltownwest.org.uk

The Church of Scotland in your Parish

The Church of Scotland is a national Church serving the people of Scotland.

It works through a system of 'parishes' each of which has a church with a minister and congregation.

As a resident of our parish, the services of the church are available to you.

You may belong to another Christian tradition, or to another faith; or you may profess no faith at all. We respect everyone's entitlement to their own views and practices regarding religious faith.

However, as part of a national Church, we have a responsibility to offer "the ordinances of religion" as described below to everyone in our land. This is a responsibility we gladly undertake, and this leaflet has been printed in order to let you know that the services of your parish church are available to you, whether you are a church member or not.

In particular, we offer the following:

WORSHIP SERVICES

Regular worship services, every Sunday. These are open to anyone. There is no charge, although an offering is taken for the Church's work locally, nationally and in the world.

BAPTISM

Baptism (often described as 'christening') is administered to adults who have come to Christian faith, or more usually, to children of professing Christians.

Your local minister will be pleased to discuss this with you.

WEDDINGS

Your parish minister is available to officiate at weddings of anyone who lives in his/her parish. Weddings may take place in church or (at the minister's discretion) elsewhere.

The minister will be pleased to meet with you to discuss a forthcoming marriage.

FUNERALS

Your parish minister will be pleased to officiate at a funeral service for anyone who lives in his/her parish. You do not have to be a church member, or even associated with any church, to call upon the minister's services in this regard.

Your parish minister is trained in the conduct of funeral services, and will be willing to help at this difficult time.

There is no charge for the minister's services.

*These notes are issued by your parish church which is part of the Church of Scotland
Presbytery of Dumfries and Kirkcudbright.*