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Troqueer and Caerlaverock Church of Scotland Local Mission Church

As many of you will be aware, the Church of Scotland has undertaken a huge reorganisation, leading to a reduction in the number of Ministries by combining parishes and closing many churches.

After a long period of uncertainty, the plan for our own congregation is a Union with Troqueer Church in Dumfries, with Caerlaverock becoming a Local Mission Church (LMC). This would be a big change but would avoid complete closure and mean that worship would continue in the parish. Sadly, the plan is to sell the Church building and have future services in other venues, probably the village halls. In the short term, services would still be held in the church. We cannot be certain at the moment, but it is unlikely that local services would be weekly.

The Union is planned for the 1st January 2025, after which, we will be given permission to call a Minister for the new Troqueer Caerlaverock Parish. This post will specify the requirements of Caerlaverock as a LMC. Both Kirk Sessions have approved this plan but the congregations must also agree.

Presbytery has called a meeting of the Congregation of Caerlaverock to meet in the Church at 9.45am on 24 November 2024. The purpose of this meeting is to seek your approval for the Basis of Union when establishing a Local Mission Church as formed and agreed by each of the two Kirk Sessions of Troqueer and Caerlaverock and this will be by a Vote.

A Representative from Presbytery Planning will be present to read through the draft Basis of Union when Establishing a Local Mission Church, together with the Basis of Local Mission Church and conduct the vote. Both documents are attached.

Caerlaverock Kirk Session
November