

However you come by this leaflet---through a visit from a church member or a visit to the church, we assure you of a warm welcome in Lochmaben Church

We welcome you whatever your background or Christian denomination to worship with us and have tea/coffee with us after the service.

We welcome you if you would like to find out more about the Christian faith. We hope that by worshipping with us or coming to Alpha and other courses we run that you will discover the joy of knowing and following Jesus Christ.

We welcome all ages. We have all-age worship once a month. On other Sundays there are activities for children including a Crèche for younger children during the service.

We welcome you to join with us in praying for the work of the church and for the needs of people in our community and throughout the world. We meet for prayer every Friday evening and list prayer requests on our service sheet each Sunday.

We welcome you to join with us in serving Christ in the church and in the community. We believe that God has given us all different gifts and talents to enable us to serve him in different ways, so we invite you to share with us in Christ's work.

We welcome you and your family to participate in any of the community groups and activities which use the Church Hall. We believe that the church should be at the heart of the community and encourage church members to be involved in community activities.

We welcome members of the community for funerals, weddings or baptisms or for a service of blessing if the parents feel that they cannot make the Christian commitment involved in baptism.

I welcome you if you would like to talk to me at any time about any matter about which you think I could be of assistance.

Rev Jack Brown



For current information about church activities see the church notice board or the church section of the local website, lochmaben.org.uk.

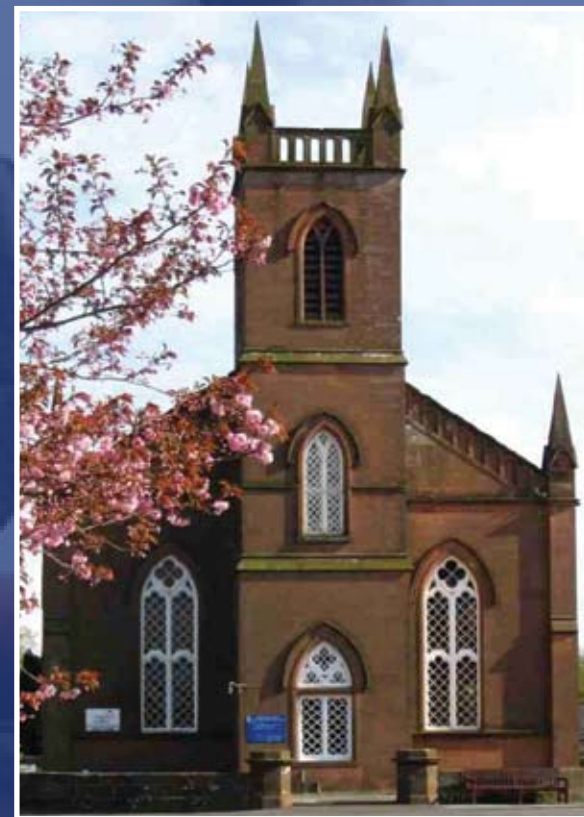
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Welcome

to

Lochmaben Church

High Street Lochmaben



Sunday Service 11.30 am

Minister

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Lochmaben Church

The present building was opened in 1820 at the south end of the High Street. It is built from rough freestone and whinstone blocks although the Tower in contrast is composed of finely chiselled and cut freestone. Gothic windows ensure that maximum daylight is enjoyed by those attending services.

Pulpit Fall

This is a good example of a Celtic Cross.

Organ

A fine German pipe organ costing £420 was installed behind the pulpit in 1903, and it was refurbished a century later at a cost of over £20,000!

Made by E F Walcher in Wurttemberg, it is one of 5 remaining out of 200 in the UK.

Organ Screen

A former minister, Rev J J Carmichael, designed the wrought iron screen in front of the organ. All the symbols speak of the Lord Jesus Christ. The central symbol on the top of the screen is Chi Rho, the first two letters of the word Christ. It is flanked by Alpha (the beginning) and Omega (the end). The eight symbols on the screen represent from left to right the Fountain of Living Waters; the Wheatear; the Door; the Pearl of Great Price; the True Vine; the True Light; the Living Bread; the Fish.



Communion Table and 3 Chairs

These were carved and made in 1928 by Mr Ross, the Schoolmaster at Templand in memory of Rev Dinwoodie's parents. The table displays the Alpha and Omega signs.



Coats of Arms on Elders' seats

On the left is the Royal British Legion featuring the Lion's Head.

On the right is the Royal Burgh of Lochmaben's Coat of Arms with the motto, "From us is born the liberator king", referring to Robert the Bruce.

Lectern

Before the days of universal education, someone who could read such as the Headmaster used the Lectern. Prior to the service he would read several chapters of the Bible to the congregation. The letters IHS on the lectern stand for Jesus Christ, Son of God, Saviour.

War Memorial Plaque

Located on the side wall the plaque provides a link with the Free Churches--the Barras, Victoria and St Margaret's, which in 1955 united with St Magdalene in the present building of St Magdalene. The pews downstairs were taken from St Margaret's.

Bells

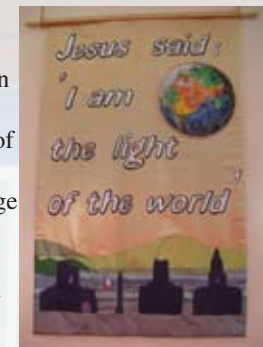
In the Tower are the oldest working bells in Scotland. Tradition has it that the Bruce Bell was given to Robert the Bruce in 1314. Fifty years later the Pope's Bell was made to match it.



Banner

In March 2007 a group of ladies decided to make a banner based on the text "The Light of the World". The words remind us that the gift of light was given to us by God.

At the top right is an artistic collage of one side of the Earth showing Africa, Europe, the Mediterranean and Red Seas. Below is the outline of a local loch and hills and Lochmaben's premier buildings--Castle, Mercat Cross, Church and Town Hall.



Gallery



The Gallery is deemed to be an excellent example of "boxed" pews, which have their own named door. They were used by families from surrounding farms and estates. The front 3 seats of the gallery were reserved for the Town Council. The

pews are the original ones installed in 1820. The gallery is supported by 12 pillars representing the 12 disciples.

Dove with olive branch

This is located above the double doors in the Church Meeting Room and represents the end of the Great Flood. Originally from the Barras Church, it was the symbol of the United Presbyterian Church.

Finial Stone

The unusual carved stone in the front porch of the church was probably removed from the south gable to make way for a new heating system. It is cut from sandstone from Corncockle Quarry and is carved in a Gothic Revival style. Twelve masons' marks are inscribed around its base.



Church Meeting Room

Our new Church Meeting Room was opened in 2008 and has proved to be an excellent facility for meetings, for the creche during the service and for serving tea/coffee after the Sunday service.