

The Church of Scotland
Maxton and Mertoun linked with Newtown linked with St Boswells
Scottish Charities No: SC013481, SC000575, SC010210

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Dear fellow members and adherents

Thank you so much to everyone who took the time to cast their vote regarding the proposal for our Charge to become a Union. The votes received by the closing date of 17th February have been counted by representatives from Presbytery and the result is ~

Votes in favour of forming a Union = 152

Votes against forming a Union = 2

We are delighted therefore that we can now progress to the next stage in the process as follows ~

- A report will be presented to the meeting of Melrose and Peebles Presbytery on Tuesday 2nd March. Members of the congregations will be able to attend that meeting (via Zoom).
- Provided that Presbytery approves the Basis of Union, it will then be forwarded to the Church of Scotland Presbytery Planning and Implementation Committee (PPIC).
- Assuming approval from the PPIC, the matter will be returned to Presbytery for concurrence (hopefully by the meeting on Tuesday 4th May). If no appeal is received at that meeting, the Union can proceed.

This procedure may seem very complicated, but provided that all the processes go as planned, we hope that the Dryburgh District Churches Charge can be up and running by early summer.

If you have any questions, or if you would be interested in attending the Presbytery meeting on Tuesday 2nd March, please contact Lucy or Winnie.

Best wishes

Lucy & Winnie

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