#### **Places Of Worship**

There are several in and around Motherwell, including **Motherwell Baptist Church** 43/47 Windmillhill Street <u>www.motherwellbaptist.com</u> Sunday Service starts at 11am

Dalziel St. Andrews Parish Church 47 Merry Street www.dalzielstandrews.co.uk Sunday Service starts at 11am

Kings Church 128 Airbles Road www.kingschurchmotherwell.com Sunday Service at 10.30am

Motherwell Cathedral 31 Coursington Road www.motherwellcathedral.co.uk Saturday Vigil 5.30pm Sunday Mass 10.30am & 6.30pm

**Central Lanarkshire Mosque** 1-3 and 5 Clydesdale Street, Mossend www.lanarkshiremosque.com

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# WELCOME TO THE NEIGHBOURHOOD



Some helpful information for anyone arriving from overseas and new to the Motherwell area

Can we offer you a warm welcome to Motherwell? It can be very daunting moving to a new area, and even more so to a new country. Where do you begin? We hope this leaflet can help you find your feet in Motherwell. The information provided comes from the experience of others who were new Motherwell and the questions they asked when they first arrived.

What follows is not intended to give complete answers but to give a helping hand as you get started.

Rev. Chris Rosie Motherwell Baptist Church

## **Finding Accommodation**

Arriving from overseas means that you are not entitled to council accommodation. You will need to rent private accommodation. A private let of a 2-bedroom flat you would expect to pay between £550 to £700 per month.

Some useful letting sites:

www.loveletslovesales.com

www.happylets.co.uk

## Schools

If you have any school age children you need to check which schools are in your area. You can do this by logging onto:

www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schoolcatchment-transport-eligibility

From there contact the relevant schools directly.

## Registering with a GP Surgery

All the information you need to register with a doctor can be found at:

www.nhsinform.scot/care-support-and-rights/nhs-services/ doctors/registering-with-a-gp-practice

First you will need to find out what surgeries are in your area by going to:

www.nhsinform.scot/scotlands-service-directory/gp-practices/

Then phone the surgery to double check they are taking on new patients.

## Finding Work

If you are here on a visa, remember to check if there are any restrictions on your work eligibility – for example, some student visas only allow you to work up to 20 hours per week.

Some useful sites for work searches:

www.uk.indeed.com

www.reed.co.uk/jobs/jobs-in-lanarkshire

## **Renewing Your Visa**

Please remember to give yourself plenty of time when renewing your visa (it will avoid a lot of stress!!!), and make sure early on if your employer is willing and able to sponsor you.

## Shopping on a budget

There are several things you can do to help your budget stretch.

Shop at one of the several budget supermarkets in Motherwell such as:

Lidl (Windmillhill Street)

Aldi (Mason Street)

Plus, some discount stores sell groceries and other items at cheaper prices. Such as:

B&Ms (62 Brandon Parade)

Home Bargains (111a Glasgow Road, Wishaw)

When buying household items, clothes or furniture you may want to consider getting them from a charity shop. There are several on Motherwell's shopping precinct, including:

British Heart Foundation (74 Brandon Parade)

Cancer Research UK (75 Brandon Parade)

Salvation Army Charity Shop (16-18 Brandon Arcade)