

Commitment Form

Final notes (small print)

Both the PCC and Finance team believe that our target is achievable if we all pull together. Existing pledges are already counted into our financial strategy and so it would be helpful if all indications on this pledge form represent **NEW** commitments.

Please understand that any new commitment must be in addition to and not instead of regular giving towards the life of the Church.

Important Statement

We are asking people to be faithful and generous but not reckless. Please ensure that any gift will not cause undue hardship or anxiety. Please ensure you discuss your gift with your family and be sure it's a shared decision.

Only give if you can do so with a cheerful and glad heart in joyful obedience to what God has done for you. This is the spirit in which we wish to build our new centre.

Thank you.

Return to:

Mr Philip Johnson,
St Thomas' Church Treasurer

Notes for your guidance

1. If you are able to make a single gift to the Development Fund please tick & complete line 'a'.
 2. If you have already or if you intend to use the wedding list to give please tick & complete line 'b'.
 3. If you would like to make regular payments (*by any means*) or extend an existing commitment please tick & complete line 'c'.
 4. If you would like to receive a leaflet on remembering the church in your will tick line 'd'.
 5. Tick line 'e' if you would like to regularly support general church funds.
 6. Tick the 'GIFT AID' box if that is relevant to you.
 7. Please make all cheques payable to, '**St Thomas' Development Fund**'.
- Any questions?** Please contact: the Church Treasurer – Phil Johnson
- Tel: Daytime 232601, Evenings 275947

*"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it." **Malachi 3:10***



not a gift to the church or to a building or to a person or any other thing but

A Gift to the Lord ALONE



**Parish Centre
Development Project
Commitment Form
2011**

Dear Friends,

If you believe our church should be a place of outrageous hospitality

If you have a heart to see our church grow

If you feel we should do more to reach our neighbourhood with the Good News of Jesus Christ

If you believe the promises of God to this Church

Name(s) *(Block capitals please)*

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Tel.....

Address.....

I/We pledge to give the following sum(s) to complete the St Thomas' Parish Centre appeal.

DIRECT GIVING (lump sum gift)

a) A sum of £..... as a single gift to the fund. You can expect this gift _____
(date if not Summer 2011).

WEDDING LIST

b) I/we have/will* give through the wedding list

PLEDGE SUPPORT (regular payments)

c) A sum of payable monthly/quarterly* by standing order/cheque/cash* for

one two three years

Or

extend my existing pledge to _____

Other offers

d) I would be willing to remember St Thomas' in my will. Please provide me with the legal words I need to include tick ✓ *(the amount you specify would obviously be confidential to yourself)*

e) I would like a standing order form in order to regularly give to support the mission of the church.

Gift Aid

I am a tax payer and would like the Church to recover the tax that I give at no extra cost to myself.
(Please tick if appropriate.)

Many of you have already given generously and yet I'm emboldened to ask you to give generously again. **This time it's different. This will be our last parish centre appeal ~ guaranteed!**

What now?

Please **prayerfully complete the attached response slip** and return it to Church. Ideally, in order to help the finance team plan, it would be appreciated before the end of July. However, if this is not possible then as early in August as possible. Feel free to reuse this envelope *(only Philip Johnson or David Oldale will see these slips)*.

In order to spiritually 'celebrate' our new centre *(and to allow essential maintenance to take place in Church)* **ALL OUR SERVICES WILL BE IN THE NEW CENTRE DURING AUGUST.**

The appeal total will be announced during services on our first Sunday back in Church after the summer break, that is, Sunday, 4th September.

Finally

Can I emphasise whatever and however you give, your gift is enormously valued. If you've given in the past and are unable to give at this time can I say again thank you, your contribution has put us within sight of our dream.

Please join with me in this fantastic opportunity.

Yours in Christ,

Rev Matthew Barnes,

Rector

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Then please help us now

As final accounts are being prepared it is now clear we need to raise £90,000 in order to complete our Parish Centre.

Work on the centre will conclude by the end of July 2011—after that time we will be able to see, feel and touch what has only been a drawing until now. Very soon the tangible expression of our vision will be open for all to see!

But without crucial funds at this time what we see will not be fully ours.