

Pre-pledge commitment

I am a tax payer and would like the Church to recover the tax that I give at no extra cost to myself.

I would like 10% of any gift I make to go to MISSION WORK outside the parish. *(please tick if applicable)*

Final notes

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 pre-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.

We are asking people to be faithful and generous but not reckless. Please ensure that any gift will not cause undue hardship or anxiety.

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.

NOTES FOR YOUR GUIDANCE

1. If you think you may make a single gift to the Development Fund please complete line 'a'.
2. If you think you may make regular payments by standing order please complete line 'b'.
3. Complete line 'c' if you think you may give by cheque or cash.
4. If you'd like to find out more about loaning money to the Church on an interest free basis please tick line 'd'
5. Tick line 'e' to receive a leaflet on remembering the church in your will.
6. Tick the boxes that are relevant to you on the other side of the response slip.

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

If there are any questions you wish to ask please contact:

The Church Treasurer – Phil Johnson
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St Thomas' Brampton



Building development
pre-pledge
commitment form

From the Rector

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Dear friends,

In order to realise our long held building plans **we need to secure a further £460,000 before October** of this year!!

This is an ambitious faith target, but **with God's help and your support we can achieve it.** Ideally we would like to secure all of these funds in cash but as a building group and PCC we recognise that we may need to borrow some money against assets or from members of the congregation in order to realise such a large amount. It would be unwise for us to borrow beyond our ability to repay and so we believe we need to secure around £300,000 of our total in cash as a minimum. In order to help us realise what that might mean the building group has suggested that we break this figure down into 100 units of £3,000. This means that if 100 people gave £3,000 we would have the money we need to sensibly proceed. As there are about 100 people (or households) that are financially committed to the Church this would give us opportunity to respond equally (*this is what we mean by a 'giving unit'*). Obviously it will be very unlikely that the money would come to us in such an ordered fashion – **some people will be able to give more – others much more, others less.** The principles of sacrificial Christian giving, obedience and faith are all important at this time. Can I urge you to **prayerfully consider the vision and opportunity before us** - we have in our hands the possibility of completing a project that as a church we've aspired to

for over 20 years! I passionately believe that *this new facility will revitalise our church beyond our wildest dreams (and I've got some fairly wild dreams!)*. However, it can only be realised if we all work and give together.

What next? We will have a united "Commitment Sunday" service on the **12th October** (*the week following our harvest festival*) – at which time we will receive in all our gifts & pledges.

Plans need to be made now in order to enable us to build early next year ~ you will appreciate that the PCC's building group cannot wait until then to know if all the money will be forthcoming and so **it would be enormously helpful if you could indicate as early as possible what your intentions might be** in order for the group to plan ahead with confidence on your behalf.

Please **prayerfully complete the attached response slip** and return it to the Finance team in the box at the back of Church, envelopes are provided (*only Philip Johnson or David Oldale will see these slips*). Feel free to make your gift whenever you are able to on or prior to the 12th.

Finally, can I emphasise whatever and however you give 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.

Name(s)

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Tel:.....

(Block letters please)

Address.....

Postcode.....

I/We hope to pledge to give the following sum(s) when required (*on or before 12th October 2008*) ~ **This is just an indication at this stage.**

Lump sum gift:

a) A sum of £..... as a single gift to the fund. You can expect this gift _____ (*date, if not on 12/10/08 or before*)

Regular payments:

b) A sum of £..... payable monthly by standing order for three years (*to Oct 2011*)

c) A sum of £..... payable weekly / monthly /quarterly by cheque or cash for three years (*to Oct 2011*)

Other offers:

d) A sum of £..... that I would be willing to loan to the church 'interest free'. *Repayment terms to be agreed individually.*

e) 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*)