



St. Thomas' Church Consultation Exercise

Please can you help by filling out our questionnaire?

Your opinion is important to us!
Completed and returned questionnaires
will be placed in a draw for a £50 prize

You can influence exciting developments in this historic building,
 help shape the planning of our project (and help our funding applications)
 by completing this questionnaire : we need **everyone's** views!

St. Thomas' Church, designed by E.G. Paley, was completed in 1868. It has many stunning architectural and heritage features. Holding a key position in the heart of the village of Stockton Heath, in addition to traditional 'church' use, community involvement has never been more active or important.

Open six days a week, we strive to offer an accessible, safe, warm space, and a hospitable welcome to the Church. We need to care for and preserve this beautiful building for future generations: a brief walk around the outside reveals many areas of masonry decay and sections of the roof leak during heavy rain.

Increased and varied community use necessitates internal re-ordering to:

- create a versatile space and central dais / platform within the church to extend use and inclusivity
- facilitate longer opening hours by installing CCTV
- update the heating system which is old and inefficient: we need to improve our carbon footprint, install a new system to incorporate a hydrogen-ready gas boiler, air source heat pump and discretely sited solar panels.
- a new draft-proof glass entrance will complement all the above, making the building open, warm & welcoming.

St. Thomas' Stockton Heath: a Church in the Community

1. Have you ever visited St. Thomas' Church? Yes No

If yes, why? Please tick all that apply:

Religious service	Open church	Community event
To enjoy the heritage	School educational event	Fun Lunch

Other: _____

2. If there was a larger, open, versatile space, would you use it? Yes No

3. Do you think a central dais / platform for a stage would be an asset? Yes No

4. What other activities would you like to see available in the Church? Please tick all that apply:

Activities for older people	Activities for children
Conference venue	Concerts / Community events
Social events	Specific groups (eg Dementia Café, Carers' Group, Bereavement Group)

Other: _____

5. Is there a particular feature of the church which has special significance for you?

6. Do you have any personal memory / story associated with the church to share?

7. How do you think the church could be adapted to fulfil a particular need in the community?

Please tick all that apply:

Central platform for performances	Large versatile space
More welcoming entrance to encourage visitors	Longer opening times
Eco activities within the church grounds	Warmer, draughtproof church
Digital displays to explain the architectural and heritage features for visitors	
Other: _____	

8. Would you or your family visit or use church facilities? **Yes** **No**

When would you like to visit? Please tick all that apply:

Weekday Morning	Weekday Afternoon	Weekday Evening
Weekend morning	Weekend Afternoon	

9. Would you be interested in helping with this project? **Yes** **No**

If yes, how would you like to help? Please tick all that apply:

Social media	Fundraising	Admin
Publicity	Historical / heritage research	Help with the outside Eco space
Other: _____		

10. Do you think this project will make a difference in Stockton Heath? **Yes** **No**

If yes, how? _____

11. Please tell us a little about yourself (optional)

Please circle the relevant age group

5 - 15	16 - 25	26 - 40	41 - 60	61 - 75	over 75
Gender	_____	Marital status	_____		
Ethnicity	_____	Employment status	_____		
Would you describe yourself as having a disability? Yes No					

Keeping in touch....

If you would like to be involved or kept informed about this project please leave your contact details:

Name: _____

Preferred contact details: _____

If you would like to discuss any aspects of this questionnaire or the project please contact Sue via stsmmtreasurer@outlook.com or 07736 375 951. Thank you for your help, it is much appreciated!

Please return your completed questionnaire to St. Thomas' Church by 7th July 2025 or by email to the above address to be entered into the £50 prize draw.