

Form 4A

(Rule 6.2)

Public Notice

(General Form)

In the Consistory Court of the Diocese of DURHAM

Closed church of Darlington St John (closed for worship)

In the Parish of Darlington St Herbert & St John

NOTICE IS GIVEN that we are applying to the Consistory Court of the diocese for permission to carry out the following:

- i. Removal and disposal of the redundant church bells for recasting and for future re-use elsewhere.
- ii. The removal of the Vincent pipe organ for disposal and relocation to a church in Manila, the Philippines.
- iii. The removal, disposal or rehoming of the following fixtures and furniture:
 - a) All fixed nave and aisle pews, chancel stalls and frontals for sale/disposal to a furniture reclamation company.
 - b) The following items to be relocated to the parish church of Darlington St Herbert:
 - Wooden prayer table
 - Pair of small carved wooden chairs
 - Occasional table (in memory of parishioner Hilda Fanny Deighton).
 - Cushioned stool for the above table.
- iv. Disposal of wooden sanctuary altar and disposal/ appropriate rehoming of altar frontals.

Copies of the relevant plans and documents may be examined at:

- St Herbert's Church, Yarm Road, Darlington, DL1 1BD.
- Durham Diocesan Website: <https://durhamdiocese.org/parish-support/church-buildings/the-dac/faculty-petitions/>

(If changes to a church are proposed, a copy of the petition and of any designs, plans, photographs and other documents that were submitted with it must be displayed in the church or at another place where they may be conveniently inspected by the public.)

Petitioners:

1. DAN SPRAGGON, CHURCH BUILDINGS SUPPORT OFFICER, DURHAM DIOCESE
2. PAUL STRINGER, GOVERNANCE SUPPORT MANAGER, DURHAM DIOCESE

Date: 27th February 2026

(Here the petitioners are to enter the date on which the notice was first displayed)

If you wish to object to any of the works or proposals you should send a letter stating the grounds of your objection to The Diocesan Registrar at Durham Diocesan Registry, 53 Coniscliffe Road, Darlington, DL3 7EH email: elaine@mcgarrylaw.co.uk so that your letter reaches the registrar not later than Friday 27th March 2026.

A letter of objection must include your name and address and state whether you live in the parish and/or your name is entered on the church electoral roll of the parish or any other basis on which you have an interest in the matter.

Directions to Petitioners

You must display this public notice (or a copy of it) for a continuous period of not less than 28 days, not counting the day on which it is put up or the day on which it is taken down (or for such other period as the Court may direct) in each of the following places:

1. On a notice board or in some other prominent position inside the church; and
2. On a notice board outside the church or in some other prominent position (whether on the outside of the church door or elsewhere) so that it can be read by the public.

Certificate of Publication

I, **Paul Stringer**

one of the petitioners, certify that a copy of this public notice was displayed during the period from (inclusive)

1. on a notice board inside the church of Darlington St Herbert
and
2. outside the church of Darlington St Herbert **and** outside the closed church of Darlington St John on a notice board [or on the principal door] [**and** on the Durham Diocesan Website] where it could be read by the public.

Signed: _____
(Signature of Petitioner)

Date:

Note: This certificate must be completed in full by making appropriate entries in the blank spaces and deleting that which does not apply. The public notice (or a copy) with a completed certificate of publication must be returned to the diocesan registrar once the period for the display of the notice has expired.