

Form 4A

(Rule 6.2)

Public Notice

(General Form)

In the Consistory Court of the Diocese of DURHAM

Closed church of South Hylton St Mary (closed for worship)

In the Parish of Sunderland Saint Mary, Saint Thomas and Saint Oswald (The Group Ministry of the Annunciation)

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

- i) Investigations into soil, churchyard wall foundations and drainage in the closed churchyard, by Sunderland City Council, in response to formation of sinkhole and ground subsidence.
- ii) Laying of a replacement water pipe through the south and east parts of churchyard.

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

- St Thomas' Church, Pennywell, (Hope4All CIC), Petersfield Road, Pennywell Sunderland, SR4 9BD.
- 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:

(Each petitioner to give name and office held in block capitals)

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

Date: 25th 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 Thursday 26th March 2026 *(here the petitioners are to enter a date 28 days after the date given above)*

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, (*Enter Name*)

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

1. on a notice board inside the church of _____ and _____
2. outside the church of _____, on a notice board [or on the principal door] [or _____] 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.