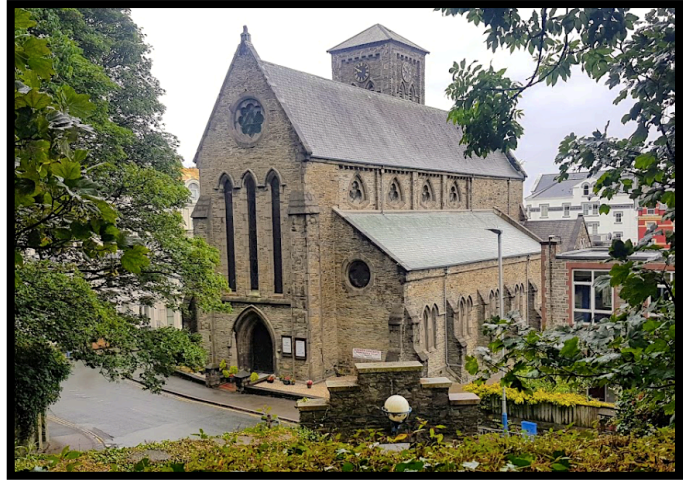


St Thomas' Church

Looking to the future

Following the meeting on 23rd August 2020, it was felt that feedback would be helpful in creating plans for the future of St Thomas'. Here is a summary of some of the points that were raised. We are in the privileged position of being in a central location at the heart of the cultural quarter. We have a large area of space available to us and have a dedicated congregation willing to work together for change. We must be forward thinking in order to protect our church and move to the future in a way that benefits not only our church family, but the wider community too.



It is vital that as a church we retain our heritage and Christian ethos to ensure that our building can be used as a place for people to celebrate, congregate, thrive and above all, worship now and into the future. Many people are invested in the future of this church and it is important that all voices are heard in this planning stage - nothing is yet set in stone.



Some proposals for this project are detailed here: <https://www.stthomaschurch.im/future-plans>

The PCC would very much value your feedback. Below are some points for consideration that may help to focus our ideas, but please also include any other thoughts that you have.

We would welcome your input before September 20th - verbally, in writing or via email using the link on the church website. (<https://www.stthomaschurch.im/contact>)

Who/ What?

Who do we envisage using this space alongside our church members throughout the week?

What facilities will be needed for our own church use, including lunches and concerts etc, or to welcome and encourage other people to attend? Catering facilities/ projector screens/ sound system/ heating etc?

Could the space be let out as a rehearsal space, for craft groups, business meetings, youth groups, children's parties, conferences, fund raising activities etc?

Are there any limitations on what types of group could use the space?

What features of the building should we try to preserve?

How?

How do we ensure our church remains an environment for worship and is respected as such?

How will the space be managed and organised - who will be responsible for day to day issues if a range of people are using the space?

How could we create a space for fellowship and outreach?

How could we create a space to help keep the church financially viable?

How could the building be adapted - should all pews be removed?