



# Pledge Form

Stoke-on-Trent Seventh-day Adventist Church

## We're passionate about furthering the Kingdom of God.

Having been based in Victoria Street since 1948, we've had many wonderful Sabbaths and, by His grace, have lifted up Jesus. However, with our continued calling to share Jesus far and wide, and our current building being inadequate to meet our weekly needs, it's become clear that God is calling us to pick up our tent and look for pastures new.

Thank you for pledging towards the mission of God. We appreciate your faithfulness and look forward to the future wherever God leads us.

*"So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver." – 2 Corinthians 9:7*

## My Pledge

Total Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

I pledge this amount to be paid:

a) **One off payment**

When do you plan on making the payment?

\_\_\_\_\_

b) **Monthly instalments**

i. Over how many monthly instalments will it be paid?

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ii. When do you plan on making the first payment?

\_\_\_\_\_

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return the pledge form to either the treasurer, Thadious Chigodo, or Pastor Ian Philpott.

## Bank Account Information

Bank Name: NatWest  
Acc. Number: 12829358  
Sort Code: 01-08-32

**Note: Please use "NEW CHURCH" in the reference.**

Once you've made a donation, please inform the treasurer, Thadious, of how much you've given as we don't have easy access to the current bank account. This will enable us to keep a record of donations as they come in.

# About the Pledge

With God's leading and a strategic plan, we're excited to see what He will do in the coming months with our new church building project. Here's more information about how we'll move forwards together.

## **What will the money be used for?**

All donations will be put towards purchasing a new building, and any necessary renovation works to make it suitable for church use.

## **Can I get my money back if the project doesn't go ahead?**

Yes. Similarly to 2016, when we last fundraised, the church will reimburse all donations to those who'd like it back if the project doesn't go ahead.

## **Why isn't the NEC financing the cost of the new building?**

The responsibility of purchasing new church buildings is that of the local membership. The North England Conference (NEC) endeavours to support local churches and have pledged to give approximately £20,000 towards our project.

## **How long will the church be fundraising?**

We'll continue to fundraise until we've purchased and renovated the new building. Pledge forms are only one part of our fundraising strategy. We'll continue to seek other ways to raise the necessary funds.

## **Will all the money donated go towards the new building cost?**

Yes. All money raised will be considered restricted funds and will only be used for the purpose of this project unless you state otherwise.

## **Who has the final say in the purchasing of a new building?**

Whilst the Board has appointed a Building Committee to oversee the project's details, all decisions have to be approved at a Board Meeting and then a Business Meeting. The Building Committee and the Board cannot vote to buy, sell or spend considerable amounts of money without the church family being informed, given the opportunity to express their opinions and a vote either in favour or against the recommendation.

## **What's the minimum I can donate?**

All donations are welcome irrespective of the size. "Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord your God which He has given you" - Deuteronomy 16:17. Thank you in advance for considering to be part of our adventure with God.

## **Is there a deadline by which I have to donate?**

There isn't a deadline, but ideally, we'd like to receive the donations sooner rather than later. This gives us an idea of how much money we have to budget for the project.

### **If I pledge to donate, when do I have to give the money to the church?**

We appreciate this last year has been challenging for many families, so we're cautious not to make anyone feel under pressure. However, we'll have a clearer path forward if we know how much to budget for. We'll happily accept one-off donations or monthly instalments over the next few months.

### **What if I pledge an amount today, but my financial situation changes?**

For whatever reason, if you're unable to donate what you pledged, we understand that circumstances can change. You're under no obligation to give the amount you initially pledged. Our only encouragement is you give with a cheerful heart, as Paul endorsed in 2 Corinthians 9:7.

### **How do I give the money to the church?**

We'd ask you to donate via bank transfer (in branch or online) or by standing order. However, you're also welcome to send us a cheque or, when lockdown restrictions ease, by cash.

### **Are there ways to help with the new building project without giving money?**

Yes. We'll need volunteers to move our belongings from our current church into storage and then into our new building. No doubt there'll also be painting, cleaning, maintenance and other work needed to be carried out on the new church.