

Ref: 2025-108565

Church: Bournemouth: St James, Pokesdown

Diocese: Winchester

Archdeaconry: Bournemouth

Form 4A

(Rule 6.2)

Public Notice
(general form)

In the Consistory Court of the Diocese of Winchester

Church of Bournemouth: St James, Pokesdown

In the parish of St. James, Pokesdown

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

Our current piano is a Steck Baby Grand piano. It was made by the American-owned Aeolian company between 1930-1935, according to its serial number (101883).

Steck is the most common brand name used by the Aeolian company, who were well known in the last century as makers of pianolas as well as high quality standard upright and grand pianos.

The piano has been in St. James' Church for at least three decades. However, it is not known exactly when it was gifted to St. James, and there is no known family connection to the piano within our congregation. It has been used occasionally for recitals in our church.

Another local church is offering its Bechstein Grand piano to a good home, free of charge, as their church is undergoing significant change. From its serial number (119439) it was made in about 1922, and has been very well maintained.

The Bechstein is a top quality piano and has a significantly better quality of sound compared to our current piano. It will not only make a huge difference to our All-age services, where it is used to accompany our children's choir, but also to future concerts and performances.

The schedule of works therefore is:

1. To remove our current Steck piano, gifting it to the family of one of our congregation, although they will fund the transport.
2. To transport the Bechstein piano from its current location in Southbourne (only a few miles away) using a suitably qualified and experienced piano remover, to St. James' Church. One of our congregation has offered to donate the transportation costs.

There are no physical changes to either the interior or exterior of the church, although the age of the pianos involved (pre-1960) is an indication of their historic nature.

Copies of the relevant plans and documents may be examined at

Parish Office, St. James' Church, Pokesdown.

(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. RICHARD PRESTON, CHURCHWARDEN
2. REVD RACHEL NOEL, VICAR
3. SHEILA MUNNERY, LICENSED LAY MINISTER

Date 09/02/2025

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

Diocesan Registry
Batt Broadbent Solicitors LLP
42-44 Castle Street
Salisbury
Wilts
SP1 3TX

registry@battbroadbent.co.uk

so that your letter reaches the registrar not later than 11/03/2025. 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 petitioner

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 was put up or the day on which it is taken down, (or for such other period as the Court may direct and subject to any special directions of the registrar) 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, _____(name), one of the petitioners, certify that a copy of this public notice was displayed during the period from 09/02/2025 to 11/03/2025 (inclusive)

1. on a notice board inside the church of Bournemouth: St James, Pokesdown; and
2. outside the church of Bournemouth: St James, Pokesdown, 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.