

I am writing to you as a friend of the Anglican church in the UAE.

In 2016, His Highness, Crown Prince Mohammed bin Zayed al Nahyan gifted land for the Anglican Church in Al Ain to the Archbishop of Canterbury, His Grace Justin Welby. This was in recognition of the presence and the ministry of the Anglican community in the UAE for over 50 years. Al Ain is the heartland of the Al Nahyan family and as such, this is a special gesture of welcome to the Christian community in the UAE. We are deeply thankful and excited by this generous gift from the Ruling family to us.

St Thomas Anglican church in Al Ain has been gathering for the last 20 years and meeting in homes and borrowed space from other churches and now currently meeting in a Golf Club. In the last two years they have commissioned a design for the new church and collected the various permissions for constructing a building in compliance with Emirati law. We are now in a position to appoint a contractor and start the build. We are looking to raise in total around 2.5 million AED (less than 700,000 US Dollars). St Andrew's church can raise around 200,000 AED but we need help in raising the rest. I am looking for donors and advice on where we might apply for donations.

There is a great need for a new church building in Al Ain and in keeping with our tradition of hospitality throughout the Gulf, the Anglican church will also share these facilities with other congregations based in Al Ain.

If you are able to assist me then please write me at the above email address. Please find attached further details about the project.

Yours in Faith

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