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MILLENNIUM COMMISSION ANNOUNCES £1.19 MILLION TO THORBURY CENTRE IN BRADFORD

A grant of £1.19 million for a new church and community facility in Thornbury in Bradford was announced today by the Millennium Commission. The Thornbury Centre will provide a new place of worship as well as a new focus for the local community. The design and architecture of the centre was chosen after a wide public consultation programme. It will be located on the site of a former church which was built in 1912 but demolished in 1990 as it had become structurally unsafe. The application for grant was made by St Margaret of Antioch Parish Community Council.

Virginia Bottomley JP MP, Chairman of the Millennium Commission said, "I am delighted to announce this award today. The Millennium is a spiritual celebration; and this project strikes an excellent balance in providing spiritual as well as community facilities."

The centre will provide a new focus for the local community, the new child care facilities will help parents take up training and employment opportunities and vocational training. There will be special provision for disabled people, flexible worship facilities, conference and exhibition space as well as recreational facilities and a community restaurant. The centre will greatly enhance this particular Bradford Housing Estate which has been recognised as an area of considerable social disadvantage and economic deprivation.

Notes to Editors

1. The Millennium Commission was established under the National Lottery etc Act 1993. It receives 20% of the net proceeds of the Lottery until 31 December 2000.
2. To date the Commission has now awarded £770 million to 95 capital projects on 2046 sites. A regional breakdown is attached.

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