

PROJECT

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

PROJECT TEAM

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that respected the fabric of the original church. A number of the first floor windows were also designed to create desks to give further flexible and adaptable use of these spaces within the building. The annexe is naturally ventilated with a semi-automatic building management system (BMS), controlling the ventilation. This included glazed louvres in the concourse.

The two upper rooms and the new main hall have flexible dividing acoustic walls to provide increased flexibility in the number, size and types of groups that can be catered for. Provision for additional cycle parking also formed part of the landscaping scheme.

Accessibility was an important part of the development maintaining level access

throughout. A lift has been inserted into one of the existing towers to provide access to the first floor of the new annexe as well as access to the balcony to the worship hall and adjacent meeting room which had previously been inaccessible.

Works were also carried out to the existing worship hall, this included refurbishing the existing timber floor and essential repairs to the tiled floor that had lifted in the aisles. A previously installed set of heavy timber doors were also removed to the rear of the hall which made a dramatic difference in terms of improving the visibility and presence of the worship hall from the main entrance. Frameless bi-folding glass doors are being



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considered as a future replacement should they be considered necessary.

As a practice MEB has been procuring most new projects through building information modelling using Revit, which is a 3D modelling platform and is data rich in comparison to traditional two dimensional drawings. Working

with this software, we were able to collaborate with likeminded teams of civil and structural engineers from solid structures and services engineers CBGC who assisted in integrating their design elements into the central coordinated BIM model.

The building was opening on March 15, to a packed concourse by the former Bishop of Oxford Rt Revd John Pritchard. It was a fantastic event that was hugely rewarding to hear lots of great feedback on the new development.

We wish the church all the best for the future in their new space. ■

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