

Charles Darby
Director



Charles studied at Cambridge and Oxford Brookes Universities where he won competition and year awards. He lives near Oxford where he helped to establish and now runs the Oxford office. Charles leads the Professional Studies subject area of the RIBA Studio (previously the Office-Based Exam) and is an Examiner and Associate Lecturer at Oxford Brookes University. He has previously been short-listed for several RIBA prizes and has a special interest in sustainable design. He has run two marathons and many half-marathons, often raising money for L.A.R.K. a charity that supports a children's rescue centre in Kenya for which Charles and MEB Design have helped to build a number of new facilities.

Paul Chester
Director



Paul joined MEB Design in 1997. He began working in the Kent Office as a Senior Technician, before being promoted to Associate and IT Manager in 2003 and moving to the Oxford office. During 2012 Paul gained Chartered Membership, MCIAT, and is now an Architectural Technologist with a keen eye for design. Paul became a Director during 2013. His greatest enjoyment and satisfaction comes from realising a diverse range of successful projects. There is nothing he won't have a go at and he has a seemingly fearless attitude towards any type of building or innovative sustainable solutions and construction methods.

Andrew Cowlard
Director



Andrew has worked for MEB Design for over 20 years and became a Director in 2023. He has worked in a wide range of sectors including residential, ecclesiastical, community and educational projects. As part of a broad range of skills he has been able to develop technical detailing skills on a number of complex projects working closely with contractors. Away from work Andrew is always looking to find time to pursue mountain biking, golf and other sporting interests, alongside interests in technology, IT and photography.

Will Jones
Associate Director



Will joined MEB Design in 2015 and became an Associate Director in 2023. Will has worked in Stockholm, London, Singapore and Edinburgh before settling in Oxford. Whilst in Stockholm he gained a greater insight into the Scandinavian approach to design and detailing and has an excellent working knowledge of wooden construction and cross laminated timber (CLT) structures. His knowledge of the Building Information Modelling software is exceptional and he has run many training sessions for staff. Outside of work Will enjoys travelling, cycling and exploring local museums and galleries.

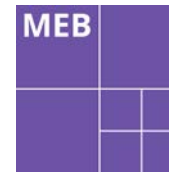
Mark Eddison
Heritage Consultant



Mark co-founded MEB Design in 1983. Mark is an Architect Accredited in Building Conservation, and a member of the Advisory Committee for church building in the Diocese of St Albans. Other interests include sports, such as playing cricket and running long distance. He has experience as a Trustee of two charities: Habitat for Humanity (until 2002) and currently Global Angels where he has been Chairman.

Ecclesiastical Clients

Abbey Wood Methodist Church
All Saints, Woodford Wells
All Souls, Langham Place
Boulevard URC, Nottingham
Caterham URC
Cheam Baptist Church
Christ Church Downend, Bristol
Christ Church, Ware
CMS Offices, Oxford
Cornerstone Church, Leyton
Emmanuel, Billericay
Havering Methodist Church
Hitchin Christian Centre
Holmesdale Baptist Church
Holy Trinity, Caister-on-Sea
Holy Trinity, Redhill
Horley Baptist Church
Ilford High Road Baptist Church
Kidlington Baptist Church
Long Crendon Baptist Church
Magdalen Road Church, Oxford
Merland Rise Free Church
Newbury Methodist Church
Oak Hill College
Orpington Methodist Church
Pioneer Church, Cobham
Redhill & Reigate Community Church
Romford Baptist Church
SLG Convent, Oxford
St Andrew's, Chorley Wood
St Andrew's, Oxford
St Antony's, Warlingham
St Ebbe's, Oxford
St John's, Downshire Hill
St John's, Harpenden
St John's URC, Ipswich
St Luke's, St Albans
St Luke's, Cranham
St Mark's, Battersea Rise
St Mark's, Colney Heath
St Mary's, Watford
St Nicholas, Stevenage
St Paul's, St Albans
St Philip & St James, Hucclecote
Vineyard Church, St Albans
Wimbledon Congregational Church
Walthamstow URC
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All Saints' Church, Woodford Wells



We designed a scheme to connect the Grade 2 listed church with the hall building and create a new centre mainly for children and young people.

SLG Convent of the Incarnation



This extensive project has involved the construction of a New Wing and new Guest Cottages to "Low-Energy / Passivhaus Principles" and complete refurbishment and upgrade / extension to the existing buildings. Many of which are of considerable Heritage Significance.

Christ Church, Ware



A thorough refurbishment and upgrade was completed to this Grade II Listed church, which now includes a mezzanine gallery.

St Nicholas Church, Stevenage



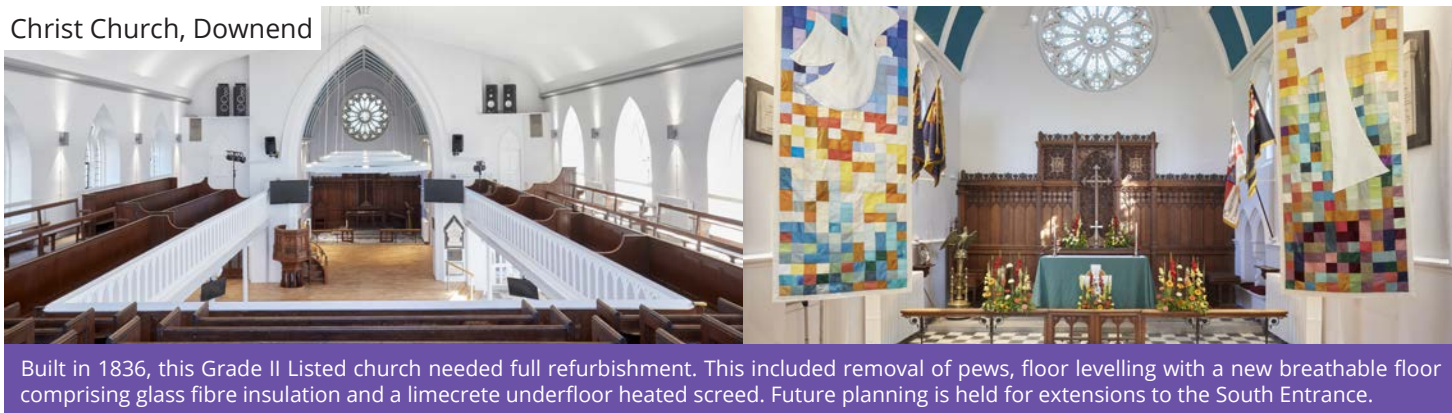
The medieval screen was repositioned to open up the church, and an effigy was displayed in reclaimed pew fronts.

St John's Downshire Hill



Refurbishment and development of a Grade I Listed church to provide flexible ancillary facilities on site.

Christ Church, Downend



Built in 1836, this Grade II Listed church needed full refurbishment. This included removal of pews, floor levelling with a new breathable floor comprising glass fibre insulation and a limecrete underfloor heated screed. Future planning is held for extensions to the South Entrance.

MEB Design Ltd is an award-winning architecture practice with three offices in the South of England: Kent, Oxford, and South Bank London.

The practice is overseen by 3 directors with associate architects, project architects, architectural technicians and assistants, as well as administration staff. This gives us the flexibility to work on a variety of scales of projects and maintain high quality design.

As a practice we have extensive experience of working on a variety of ecclesiastical projects, delivering high quality buildings for our clients. We are also experienced with working on protected sites and listed buildings.

We listen to our clients, so they can be provided with the buildings they want, rather than what we think they ought to have. Our directors work closely with the whole team throughout the process, helping to ensure that projects are delivered within budget, and on time.

We have learned that a church consists of its people and that buildings should provide a good environment for worship, fellowship, and the fulfilment of the church's work and mission in the community.

Orpington Methodist Church, Kent



A new entrance foyer was created uniting the church and hall together.

Newbury Methodist Church



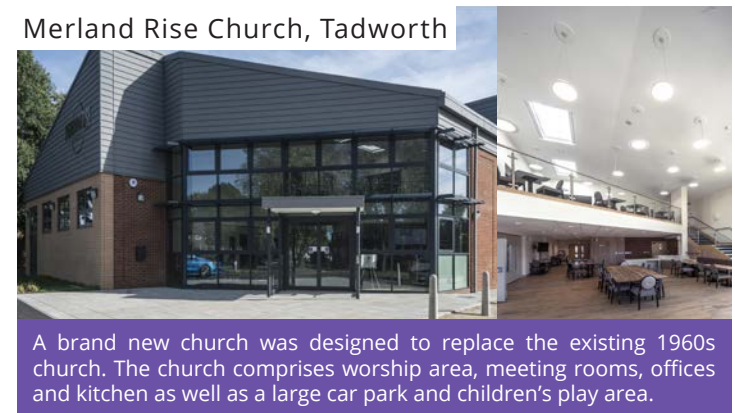
This Grade 2* listed church building was in urgent need of repair. The opportunity was taken to carry out some small scale alterations to improve the operation of the church.

St Mary's Church, Watford



We provided this Grade 1 listed church with a new breathable floor and incorporated the reclaimed pews into new fixtures and fittings.

Merland Rise Church, Tadworth



A brand new church was designed to replace the existing 1960s church. The church comprises worship area, meeting rooms, offices and kitchen as well as a large car park and children's play area.