

AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH



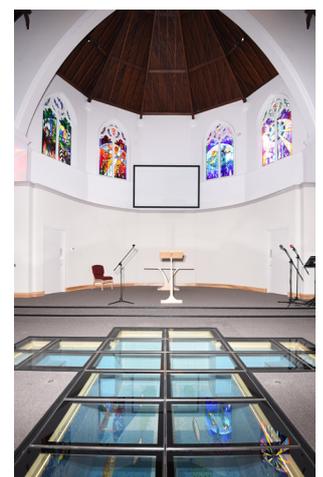
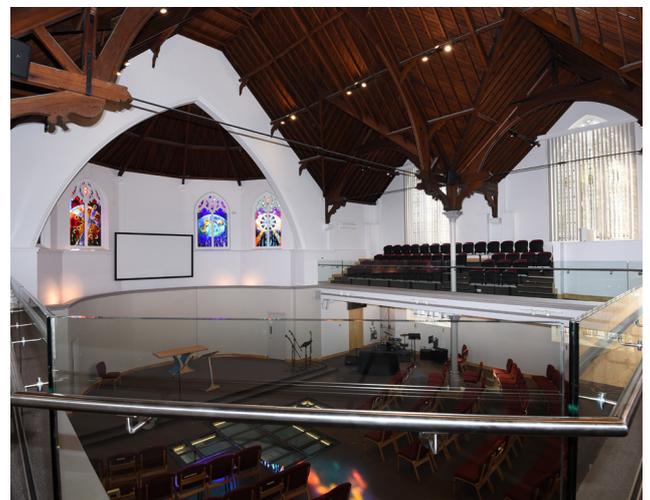
This exciting new scheme saw a run-down church brought back to life as full refurbishment works were carried out for the first time since the 2nd world war.

The project involved the remodelling and complete strip out of the church interior including removal of the organ, choir structure and all internal features.

The ground floor was replaced with an insulated ground floor slab and under floor heating incorporating a stage area with a curved acoustic wall behind. Above the stage the four large stained glass windows were replaced with new designs created to match the modern feel of the church.

The front elevation of the church was extended to create a bigger lobby area and tea station. The elevation was temporarily propped to allow the new steel work to be craned into place to hold up the front façade. The existing stonework and windows were carefully removed and re-used within the new extension, giving the impression that the extension was of the same age as the existing structure. On the roof of the new extension a glass lantern was installed to fill the lobby and church with natural light.

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A new baptistery pool was built in front of the stage in the shape of a cross, the pool has been fully tiled with a bespoke mosaic floor designed and installed by a local artist. When not in use the pool has a removable sectional glass floor, this allows the mosaic to be seen whilst maximising the floor space for events such as amateur dramatic performances, concerts and art displays.

The existing galleries were re-built to incorporate two new glass sided spiral stair cases, one each side of the sanctuary area. A glass balcony was installed to the first floor providing staged seating and better viewing angles of the stage and baptistery pool below.

The rear rooms to the church were remodelled to create a new prayer room and office, access to the crèche and flower room have been improved by repositioning doorways.

A high spec audio-visual system was installed to enhance and record church services for streaming on the internet.

Externally new steps and a curved disabled access ramp was installed around a commemorative garden to improve access and give the area a softer feel.

