

## **St Andrews Church, Beechwood Road, Holmfield, Halifax.**

<b>Clients</b>	St Andrews PCC Holmfield
<b>Architecture / Contract Administration</b>	Philip S Ryley & Co.
<b>Main Building Contractor</b>	Cragg Builders Limited
<b>UPVC Windows</b>	Halifax Trade Windows
<b>Painting / Decorating</b>	Halls Painting Contractors
<b>Carpets</b>	Clarence Smith Flooring Limited
<b>Service Engineers</b>	SIAS Building Services Limited
<b>Kitchen</b>	Howden Joinery

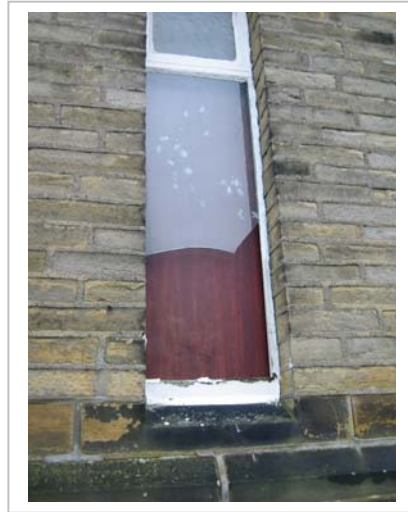
St Andrews Church was in an urgent need of a facelift and the provision of modern facilities. In order to fund the much-needed work at the Church it was agreed to demolish the former John Taylor Ramsden Sunday School and sell it off to a private developer for housing.



The Church was built in 1897 and the Sunday School / School Hall was added in 1937.

As construction works were underway a time capsule was buried to reflect on important events that occurred during that year; details of the Spanish Civil War and preparation details for King George VI's Coronation were amongst other things. It even included a list of prices for building the Sunday School.

The Church, which stands in its own mature grounds, required modern day toilet / kitchen facilities along with the renovation of meeting rooms and the main Church itself.



Works started in January 2006 and a single storey extension was designed that incorporated new toilet facilities, including a disabled toilet with ramped access from a new car park.

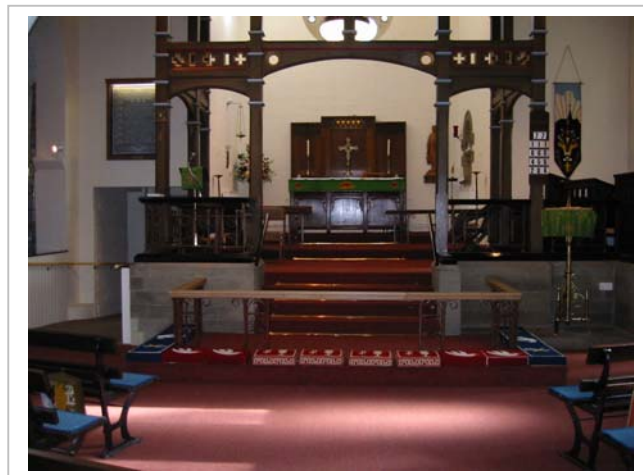
An internal ramp facilitates access for all between the two main floor levels of the Church.

New kitchen facilities have also been provided enabling both drinks and hot and cold food preparation to take place in-house. A serving hatch links the kitchen to one of the meeting rooms.

The meeting rooms are used by a multitude of local groups including Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, the local Holmfield History Group, a Pensioners Friendship Group and a Dominoes Club, all of which bring much needed vitality to the Church.



The main body of the Church has been fully refurbished, including a new altar rail and kneeling dias at Church Hall floor level. This has overcome the difficulties of steep steps up to the altar. The Vestry has been upgraded and now includes a small office space for the Vicar.



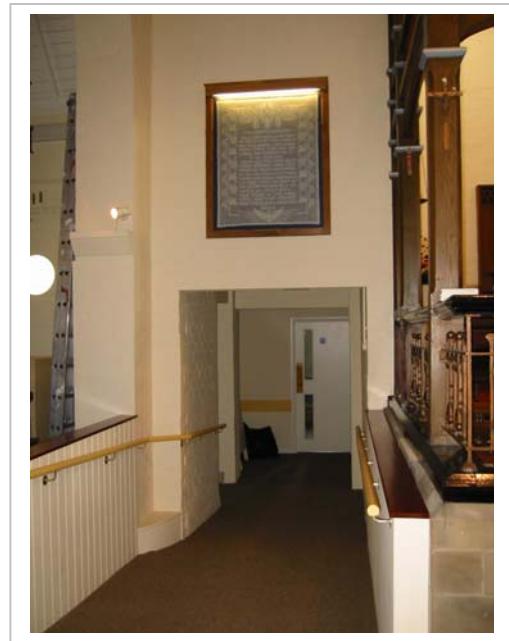
Renovation works have included:

- Roof repairs and the insertion of tie rods.
- Treatment of dry rot.
- New UPVC windows.
- Rewire.
- External pointing.
- External ramp.
- External lighting.
- New main Church doors.
- Extension for toilets and new entrance.
- Internal ramp between the existing Church and the new extension.
- New kitchen.



- Refurbishment of two meeting rooms.
- Provision of an office area in the Vestry.
- Refurbishment of organ.
- New kneeling dias and rail for disabled / elderly parishioners.
- Landscaping to open up the area.

The whole of the Church has been decorated in bright, uplifting colours opening up the individual areas and rooms and giving a modern, stylish feel. The main Church and meeting rooms have been fully carpeted and the toilets, kitchen and entrances have had quarry tiles and vinyl laid.



Externally a new car park has been built, which includes designated disabled parking spaces. A ramp has been constructed for easier access to the Church for disabled and the elderly and the area has been lit to deter vandalism. A new entrance area and Church doors finish off the renovation work making this a most welcoming building for all.

