

PROJECT FEATURE

Baptist Church | Scunthorpe

design team

Client: SCUNTHORPE BAPTIST CHURCH

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THE new £500,000 Scunthorpe Baptist Church is nearing completion. An existing building on the site is being refurbished, and a new two-storey place of worship is being built.

As with many churches, the primary functions of Scunthorpe Baptist Church will be as a community resource centre and a place for worship. The church has therefore been designed to carry out a wide variety of functions.

The four main parts of the new building are the sanctuary, the meeting rooms, the children's crèche and the garden. An internal circulation street runs through to the garden, effectively linking all parts visually as well as physically.

Video conferencing facilities are contained within a balcony, which also provides overspill seating for the congregation.

Concrete raft foundations have been used for the steel brick-clad building to counteract subsidence. Pale brickwork has been chosen for the facades to reflect the existing architecture and complement the neutral palette of materials inside.

The use of materials within the church has been limited to achieve an ascetic, spiritual ambiance. Whitewashed walls allow the light to bounce around the building and are a perfect backdrop for the church's own colourful banners.

Oiled oak has been used for handrails and stairs as well as doors and screens.

The existing building has been refurbished to provide a bright space for the local playgroup, with storage for toys and equipment on the first floor mezzanine. The space can be divided by a folding partition to create a more intimate area for use by the older members of the community.

Once complete, the development will provide worshippers with a comprehensive range of community facilities, and will bring together many functions that had become disjointed as a result of the previous collection of cabins and flat roof extensions.

Scunthorpe Baptist Church is scheduled to be formally dedicated by regional minister Rev Steve Mantle next month. ●

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