

APPLICATION FOR LISTED BUILDING CONSENT

for the following

- External Lighting
- Church Name Plate
- CCTV Cameras
- Security Alarm Boxes
- Air Conditioning/Heating System

Location: Church of Christ, Llanthewy Road, Newport
Gwent, South Wales, NP20 4LA



Llanthwy Road Church Heritage Statement - Grade II Listed Building

Description

Built in 1912 by the architects Habershon & Fawckner. Closed in 1996 and later reopened as the Burleigh Academy (performing arts centre) and then as Iglesia ni Cristo (Church of Christ). Built in the English Gothic style of a gable entry type. Layout consists of nave, transept-type bays, and porch bay with adjacent integral tower which forms a prominent feature. There is also a Sunday School and hall wing attached. Dedication stones mark the base of the buttresses. The tower has a battlement, consisting of crenellated parapet and incorporating a cross on the outside wall. Lancet windows on three levels of the tower. Stained glass contain works by William Pearce c.1911, c.1913, c.1920, c.1924, c.1928 and John Hardman c.1953. The building was Grade II listed in 1998.



History

Baptist church built 1912, architects Habershon and Fawckner. 100 year lease for site acquired 1899 and Sunday School built 1904. Daughter church of Commercial Road Baptist Church. Church closed 1996. Grade II listed building in Newport City, situated in a residential area W of the city centre on a sloping site on the corner of Llanthwy Road and Burleigh Road, the main frontage set back behind a walled and railed courtyard.

Exterior

Large chapel in Anglican style. Of snecked coursed rubble with pale ashlar dressings and Welsh slate roof. Plan of nave, transept-type bays, porch bay with adjacent tower; attached Sunday School and hall wing. Asymmetrical gable-end facade is dominated by a large window of 6 lights with quatrifoil tracery, hoodmould and foliage stops, to left a single cusped light. Below is the projecting porch bay with single pitch roof, steeply gabled and heavily moulded entrance doorway with

paired colonnettes and overlight with cusped tracery, the quoins tapered to the kneelers; cusped lights either side, low buttresses and a second door to left. To right and breaking forward is the slender tower with full height angle buttresses with shallow offsets. Crenellated parapet incorporates cross; below a string course is the ringing chamber with tripartite louvred openings, heavily moulded with hoodmould and slender columns; lightly cusped lancets to tower chamber with below a blind arcade frieze across 3 sides of the tower; at ground level the tower doorway is similar to the main entrance; dedication stones at the base of the buttresses. Side elevation to road accommodates steep slope and has a lower ground floor. Deep steep-pitched roof with 3 ventilators, 4 window range of paired cusped lights with quatrefoil tracery separated by long slender buttresses without offsets. Gabled cross wing has similar window to gable end, trefoil gable light and cross-framed windows to lower ground floor; further lower entrance bay attached to right. On the opposite side the cross wing links with the Sunday School which has similar cusped-headed lights, paired and triple, and central gabled porch with overhanging eaves and moulded pointed arched doorways to each side. Paired lights to side separated by tall chunky buttresses with swept offsets; lower level rectangular windows to right are blocked.

Interior

Airy interior, with wide pointed chancel-type arch supported by corbels with clustered half-colonnettes; no gallery. Boarded wide-span hammer-beam style roof with ventilators, supported by heavy corbels. Interior is dominated by a semicircular apse-shaped baptistry with stepped red terrazzo floor incorporating an unusual raised grey terrazzo baptismal pool for total immersion. Cusped lights either side of arch, large 3-light window with quatrefoil tracery to baptistry; matching side windows of 2 lights with quatrefoil tracery; some figurative glass by Pearce and Cutler of Birmingham, other windows are of tinted glass with some decorative tracery leading. Interior is fully

pewed with boarded dado; organ left and pulpit right; half glazed doors to outer rooms and passages. Vestibule has boarded dado, half glazed swing doors with boxed entrances to sides and central doorway flanked by paired cusped headed lights.

(Reference: britishlistedbuildings.co.uk)

A 100-YEAR-OLD former church in Newport that served as a performing arts academy has been returned to its use as a place of worship after a £1.6 million project.

The Philippines-based Iglesia Ni Cristo, which translates to Church Of Christ, has renovated the Grade II listed Burleigh Hall in Llanthwy Road, Newport, to be a base for its congregation stretching from West Wales to the West Country.

The church is the first of its type in Wales to serve members of the Church Of Christ.

According to planning documents the building was constructed as a Baptist church in 1912.

In 1996 the church was closed and was later used as the Burleigh Academy.

Restoration work on the £1.6 million project, funded by donations from the Church Of Christ members, has included restoring some of the church's pews to their original design. Contractors replaced the church tower's steel structure, and a stage was installed at the front of the sanctuary for ministers to give services.

Crystal chandeliers hang from the sanctuary's ceiling, but within the church there are no images for worship – as the Church Of Christ does not worship images.

Thus far, the Church Of Christ has an international membership comprising 152 racial and ethnic backgrounds all over the world.

Most of the members using the Church are healthcare professionals such as Nurses and Engineers but there are also members such as linemen, public servants and finance professionals.

More than 1000 members came to see the church at it's dedication on the 23rd of August in 2013, with an average of a couple of hundred attending other services and watching the dedication Live through Video Streaming.

The District Minister for the Church of Christ at the time, Brother Tony Smith, said that Burleigh Hall was an "absolutely beautiful building. It has so much character." And was proud to be able to renovate and use the Church for worship.

Before the Church was purchased and renovated, the members in the local congregation went for a number of years without a proper house of worship.

They rented halls here and there until they were ready to purchase a place for worship where they found the Church at Llanthwy Road, and were blessed and grateful to have the opportunity to purchase and renovate it for their own worship service.

Many individuals who were invited and even passersby attend the worship service out of their own curiosity and are always amazed at the care of the brethren not only for the Church itself but also the community that it has established. Some of these individuals have even registered themselves and continuously attend the worship services.

The Church has not only provided a place for worship for the members of the Church Of Christ but has also provided a base of operations for many charity and community work by the brethren.

This includes many activities such as Frontline Workers Appreciation Day, Police Appreciation Day, Firemen Appreciation Day, Neighborhood Cleanup Drive, Aid for Humanity and many more where brethren from all over the United Kingdom would attend to help in supporting the activity and also the Local Community. This also includes activities providing donations to other Local Charities, running fund raisers for charities and even the Church Of Christ's own activity where clothes, food and other necessities were given away for free to anyone who needed it in the Local area.

The Church presently is still used as a place of worship by the members of the Church of Christ who also maintain the building and periodically run community faced activities.

(Reference: www.southwalesargus.co.uk)