

RELIGIOUS ARCHITECTURE 2024

January 2024: ST. ANDREWS, Nottingham

Nineteen members visited St. Andrew's Church, which stands on the corner of Mapperley Road, and Mansfield Road, where we were given a warm welcome, with refreshments afterwards provided by its associate church, Trinity, which now occupies the building, which was "Neals", the auctioneers.

Before the abolishing of public executions, The Nottingham gallows stood where Mansfield Road and Forest Road met, a gruesome site greeting you as you reached Nottingham from the north. It is said the church was built on its actual site. The tower is a prominent Nottingham landmark.

The church was built as a daughter church to St. Anne's Church, Nottingham between 1869 and 1871 by William Knight, and extended by Sidney Stevenson in 1884. Designed in the Victorian Gothic Revival style, in rock faced Bulwell stone, it was consecrated on 9 October 1871, A west baptistry was added in 1884 by S.R. Stevenson, and vestries by Heazell & Sons in 1905.

The nave comprise of four bays and aisles, a chancel under the tower, a sanctuary, transept chapels, baptistry, north and south porches, and a tower with tourelles and a broach spire, containing one bell by Messrs. Mears & Stainbank, dated 1871. Heazell & Sons made additions, including a Sedilla (1918), organ case (1933 for a Snetzler organ) and choir stalls (1934) A rood screen includes a 1921 war memorial.

There is a tall clerestory with lancet windows and roundels. Late 19th and early 20th century stained glass includes four windows by Gibbs & Howard, dated 1882

In 2023, St Andrew's Church merged into Trinity Church, Nottingham, a church that had been planted on the same road by the HTB Network in 2016. The Reverend Jonny Hughes, priest-in-charge (lead pastor) of Trinity Church, Nottingham (Bishop's Mission Order) was made vicar of St. Andrew's church on 5th March, 2023.

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