

## RELIGIOUS ARCHITECTURE 2026

### March 2026: GOOD SHEPHERD, WOODTHORPE

The Church of the Good Shepherd is a Roman Catholic church in Woodthorpe, Nottinghamshire. The church was first opened on 23 July 1964 and is a Grade II\* listed building.

The architect was Gerard Goalen who specialised in church architecture and was influenced by continental models and the Liturgical Movement. His modern design won an award from the Royal Institute of British Architects in 1966.

The dalle de verre stained glass is by Patrick Reyntiens who was "the leading practitioner of stained glass in this country."]

The church is particularly notable for its spatial qualities, for its delicate vaulting descending onto slender piers, and for its fine display of stained glass.

The Church had suffered with roof issues and was on the Historic England - Heritage at Risk Register, having been assessed as condition "Poor" and "Priority: A - Immediate risk of further rapid deterioration or loss of fabric". In 2012, the church was awarded £119,000 by English Heritage to resolve issues with concrete fatigue and reinforcement decay.

