

DESIGN & ACCESS STATEMENT

Gospel Oak Methodist Church, Agincourt road, LONDON NW3 2NT



Ariel View of Church with Church Hall to the North of site.



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Entrance to car park with church set back from road.



View from junction



View of Church Left hand side and Church set back to the right from Lisburne Road

INTRODUCTION

Gospel Oak Methodist Church and Church hall are located on the corner of Agincourt Road and Lisburne Road, in the area between Hampstead Heath and Mansfield Road known as Gospel Oak

On the corner itself is a car park serving the building with the church building set back from this and the older Victorian church hall behind to the North of the site

The Church hall is used by the Puss in Boots day nursery and both Church and Church hall are used as venues by numerous local community groups to hold functions as well as a place of worship.



HISTORY:

The Gospel Oak Church originated in 1875 in Wesleyan Methodist meetings held in Lismore Circus, Gospel Oak. The meetings were recognized as a mission in 1877 and at the time placed under the control of the Prince of Wales Road church.

A site at the corner of Lisburne Road and Agincourt Road was bought by the mission but initially only a school was built. A permanent church building was later opened in 1900.

In 1940 the Grafton Road Methodist Church was amalgamated with the Gospel Oak Church and the need to carry out building repairs brought about a further union with the Prince of Wales Road Methodist Church at the Gospel Oak site in 1965. This resulted in the existing church being demolished in 1970 and the current church building being constructed to the south of the Victorian church hall. The current Church opened for worship in 1971.



View of Church with Worship space to right of entrance and Church hall beyond





3 of the vertical screens on the West side of the worship space.

DESIGN

The church built in the 1970's is now over forty years old and the original Crittal windows are in need of replacement.

The windows consist of two vertical screens either side of the altar giving natural light to the simple cross on the wall above the altar. There are two further vertical screen set back from the altar on the West side of the church next to the main entrance and a long horizontal clerestory screen in the rear wall above the doors that open out into the overspill space.

The proposed new windows are double glazed aluminum windows that will have the same fenestration as the existing windows. The double glazing will not only improve the temperature control within the space itself in both winter and summer months but help reduce the running costs thus extending the life of the building.





Screen of clerestory windows on the North , rear wall of the Worship space



Main altar with East facing vertical screen on left hand side .

ACCESS

The proposals do not make any changes to the access to the property which is already fully accessible for most disabled users and people with young children in buggies or prams.

CONCLUSION

Whilst modest in size these improvements are believed to be in keeping with the original church design and will extend both the life, comfort and cost of running of the building and therefore benefit all its users.

