

Design & Access Statement

St Mary's Church and International Lutheran Student Centre,
10 Sandwich Street WC1H 9PL

Changes to Sandwich Street Entrance

25th September 2019

Background

St Mary's Lutheran Church is proposing to make changes to their entrance at Sandwich Street.

They want to increase security, following break-ins and attempted break-ins both at the Sandwich Street and Thanet Street entrances of the building.

Furthermore they wish to make the entrance more open and welcoming.

Finally there is an issue with water ingress at the door threshold that they wish to address.

Design

The existing entrance door and in particular the adjoining glazing panels are very weak and do not comply with appropriate LPS 1175 SR2 security rating.

We propose to replace all glazing with LPS SR2 compliant panes. The amount of glazing bars will be reduced. This will help with the security of the glazing and also make the entrance feel more open and inviting. The size and proportion of panes created by the new configuration of glazing bars are designed to relate well to the other windows of the building.

The new glazing bars will match the existing ones.

Ground Outside of Entrance

The reworked door will feature a change to the threshold to avoid water ingress. The area outside the entrance will be laid with new tiles, which will match the existing ones. This will be laid to have a gentle fall towards the street.

Access

The access to the building is not changed by the proposal.

There is access for the disabled to the church at basement level via another entrance on Sandwich Street.