

The Angelus Centre, Kent

Church Building

Our Lady of the Angels Church has a stunning new parish centre which is proving very popular with all who use it.

The Client

Carlton Hall, the parish centre for Our Lady of the Angels in Erith, Kent became too small and energy inefficient. The decision was therefore taken to demolish and then replace it.

The Brief

Its replacement was to be built to all the latest building and energy standards, be able to withstand hard use and flexible enough to stage a variety of functions and events. It had to have a main hall with a seating capacity of 150, a children's group facility, three meeting rooms, kitchen, bar and toilets.

Brother James Boner and a specially formed committee used the internet to study different building styles and produce a short list of commercial building specialists. However, after a visit to one of Plus Design and Build's (PDB) signature projects the contract was awarded to them.

The Specification

The new Angelus Centre is a timber frame structure, with glulam laminated columns, curved beams and trusses, giving a vaulted roof style in the large function room. It has a linked access to the main church building and faced externally with

block and render and has a joint-free continuous GRP curved roof.

Glazed curtain walling in a stepped pattern and high level glazing make optimum use of natural light to create an airy feel in the function room. A kitchen, bar, meeting rooms, WCs and store rooms are located on either side of the main hall which has an oak floor. Other key features include a canopy over the main entrance which follows the roof line and an interesting entrance lobby.

High levels of insulation and double glazing combine to keep running costs to a minimum. Double skinned walls and special sound insulation ensure that neighbours are not disturbed when the hall is used for functions.



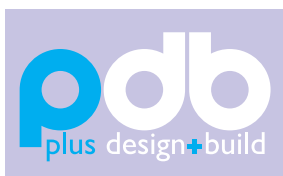


Client Benefits

Said Brother James Boner: "The fact that PDB was able to combine their skills to provide a complete solution was a tremendous benefit for us. Their handling of building design, project management, organisation of site works,

landscaping and liaison with the planning authorities meant this project went through smoothly. We are delighted, PDB has given us a facility second to none that reflects our aspirations and enjoys great popularity with all users."

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