

Gringley Methodist Chapel, Low Street, Gringley on the Hill, Doncaster. DN10 4RZ

RE: Gainsborough Methodist Circuit as at 24th January 2012.

Tenure: The property is freehold.

Situation: The chapel is situated on the corner of Cross Hill and Low Street on a good sized plot in the North Nottinghamshire village of Gringley on the Hill. The site is considerably elevated to Cross Hill and retained by a bank and a section of brick walling. Generally the land slopes away to the north. The chapel is surrounded by residential dwellings of all types and all ages.

The Site: There are grassed areas surrounding the Chapel. A dwarf brick wall to the front denotes the southern boundary of the property. The remaining boundaries are mainly hedges.

Description: The building comprises a traditionally constructed Chapel which originally had ancillary rooms to the rear which have subsequently been demolished. The Chapel was built in 1888 of solid buttressed brickwork beneath a double pitched slate roof on a traditional timber frame. Internally the chapel has been constructed with a suspended timber floor.

Accommodation: Entrance Porch, Vestibule, Disabled/W.C. Facility, Chapel.

Outside: The chapel is surrounded by grassed areas and stone steps to the fire exit in the north west corner.

Since August 2006, the Chapel is now presented with the following additions.

1. Hardwood doors to the Porch.
2. Provision of Cloakroom/Disabled W.C. Facility.
3. Provision of Kitchen area within the south west corner of the Chapel.
4. Provision of new fire escape door in the north west corner of the Chapel.

Construction: The chapel is of solid brick construction principally laid in English garden bond with a course of blue engineering bricks at low level acting as a damp proof course. On the east and west elevations are six brick buttresses to either side. The roof is double pitched of a traditional rafter construction clad with blue slates and having ornate finials and ridge tiles. The porch on the southern elevation is of similar construction but at a lower level. There are four similar windows to each elevation with ornate circular stone and stained glass windows to either gable end and two additional windows in the southern elevation.

With the provision of the Cloakroom/Disabled W.C. Facility, a PVC soil vent has been installed in the south east corner and a plastic waste pipe together with a Hepworth sealed manhole which runs to a new manhole in the gateway to Low Street.

Porch: Quarry tiled floor, with solid brick walls and plastered arched ceiling. Hardwood external double doors and double doors to the vestibule with strap hinges and stained leaded light transom above.

Vestibule: Quarry tiled floor, pine panelled walls to dado height and painted above. Ceiling part painted and panelled. Pitch pine screen panelling and two doors to the Chapel set with areas of leaded light stained glass panels. Recess is painted with plywood floor.

Cloakroom/ W.C. with Disabled Facility: Created by stud partitioning of the south east corner of the Chapel. The floor is boarded and lino covered, with the walls and ceiling painted.

Chapel: The floor is a split level timber boarded floor raised in areas which support the pews. The two aisles and area in front of the altar are carpeted.

In the south west corner there is a raised floor area in which a kitchenette has been created. It comprises a roll edged work surface with inset single drainer stainless steel sink unit and built in double door cupboard. There is a Santon water heater. Waste pipes pass through the external wall & the cold water service runs down the west side of the Chapel to a single tap near to the fire door.

The walls are of solid construction and pine clad to dado height. The upper walls are plastered and marked to simulate stonework.

The windows were of stained glass leaded lights. It is a wooden/pitch pine area around the organ and altar. There is a fire door in the north west corner.

Ceiling: The ceiling is supported by four timber arched braced trusses with metal tie bars on the middle two trusses. There are two double ventilators in the ceiling.

Services:

Electricity: There is Mains electrical supply, wired with PVC cable with some Bakerlite switches in the kitchenette area. There is a spotlight to illuminate the North wall and there are seven ceiling drop light cables.

Space Heating: Space heating is provided by two overhead infrared electric heaters attached to the tie bars. There are two wall mounted Dimplex QXD heaters and four wall mounted electric infrared heaters. There is emergency lighting in the Vestibule. There are big redundant bore heating pipes along the side of the Chapel.

Water: There is mains water supply providing cold water to the W.C. facility and the kitchenette.

Drainage: The new W.C. facility in the south east corner discharges to a plastic manhole and runs to a further manhole in the gateway fronting Low Street and to the mains system. The manholes and chambers in the north west corner are now redundant.

Fire and Security: The new fire door and the provision of additional double doors to the front of the porch has given improved security. There is one fire extinguisher adjacent to the altar.