Design & Access Statement

St Mark's Church Holbrook – New Entrance Doors

Introduction

The PCC of St Mark's Church Holbrook wish to provide new glazed panel entrance doors to replace the existing solid boarded doors. The Church building was built in 1990, and is situated in North Heath Lane Horsham. The design proposals comprise new outward opening Oak framed doors with glazed panels.

The Site

The Church is located in North Heath Lane opposite The Sussex Barn Public House in St Mark's Lane, and the Churchyard is adjacent to North Heath Hall. There is an existing path from North Heath Lane with an even gradient leading up to the Main Entrance. Level entry is provided into the Church.

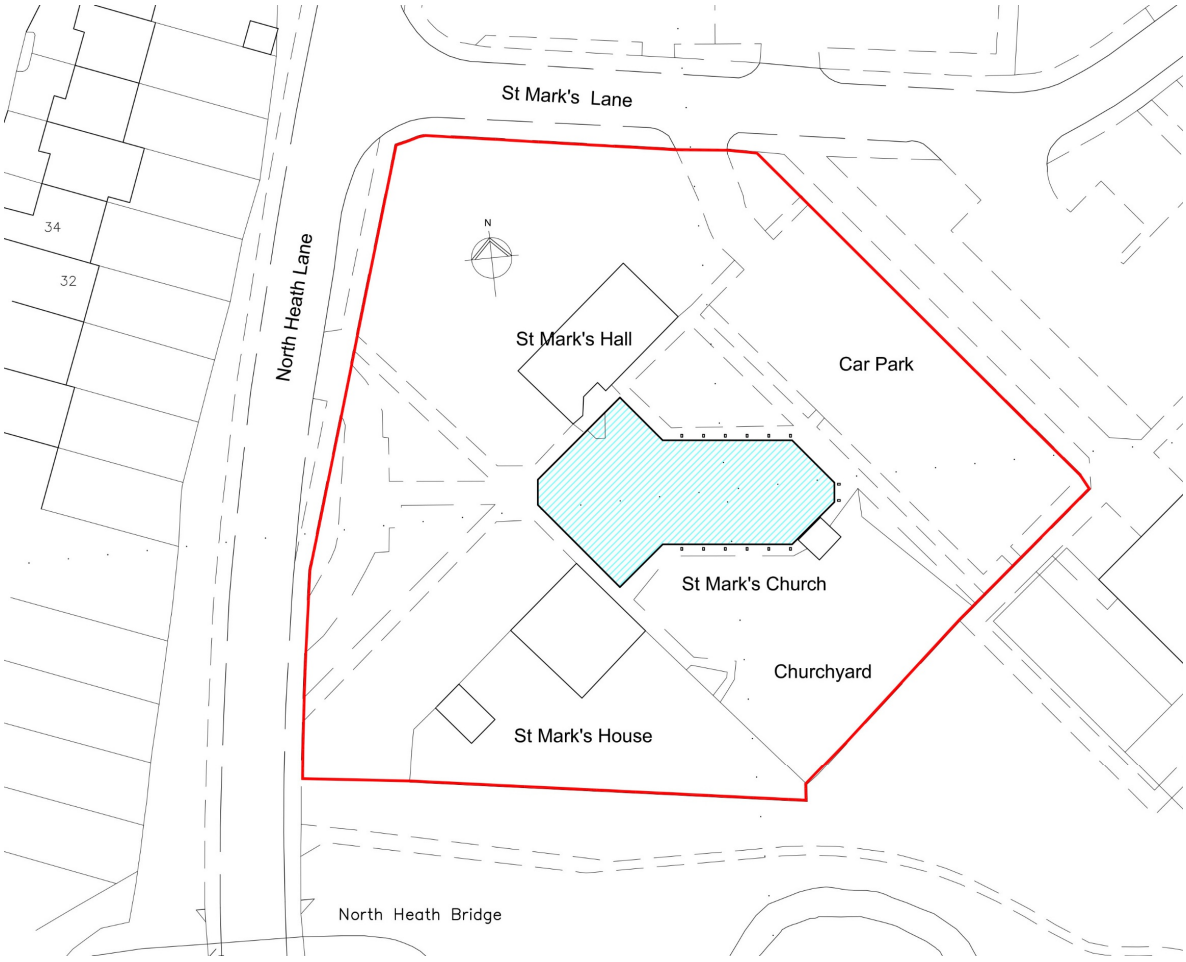


Fig 1 Site Plan – showing Site Location



Fig 2 View from the West



Fig 3 View from the South East

The Church

The Church was designed by Architect John Warren of APP and built in 1990 of fair faced concrete blockwork with anodised welted aluminium sheet roofing to the Nave and Spire, and natural slate to the lower roofs to the Aisles, side Chapels and to the accommodation at the base of the Tower.

The Church is symmetrical in plan and the Nave has chair seating for approximately 140 people. There is a Tower and Spire over the Gallery at the western end of the Nave.

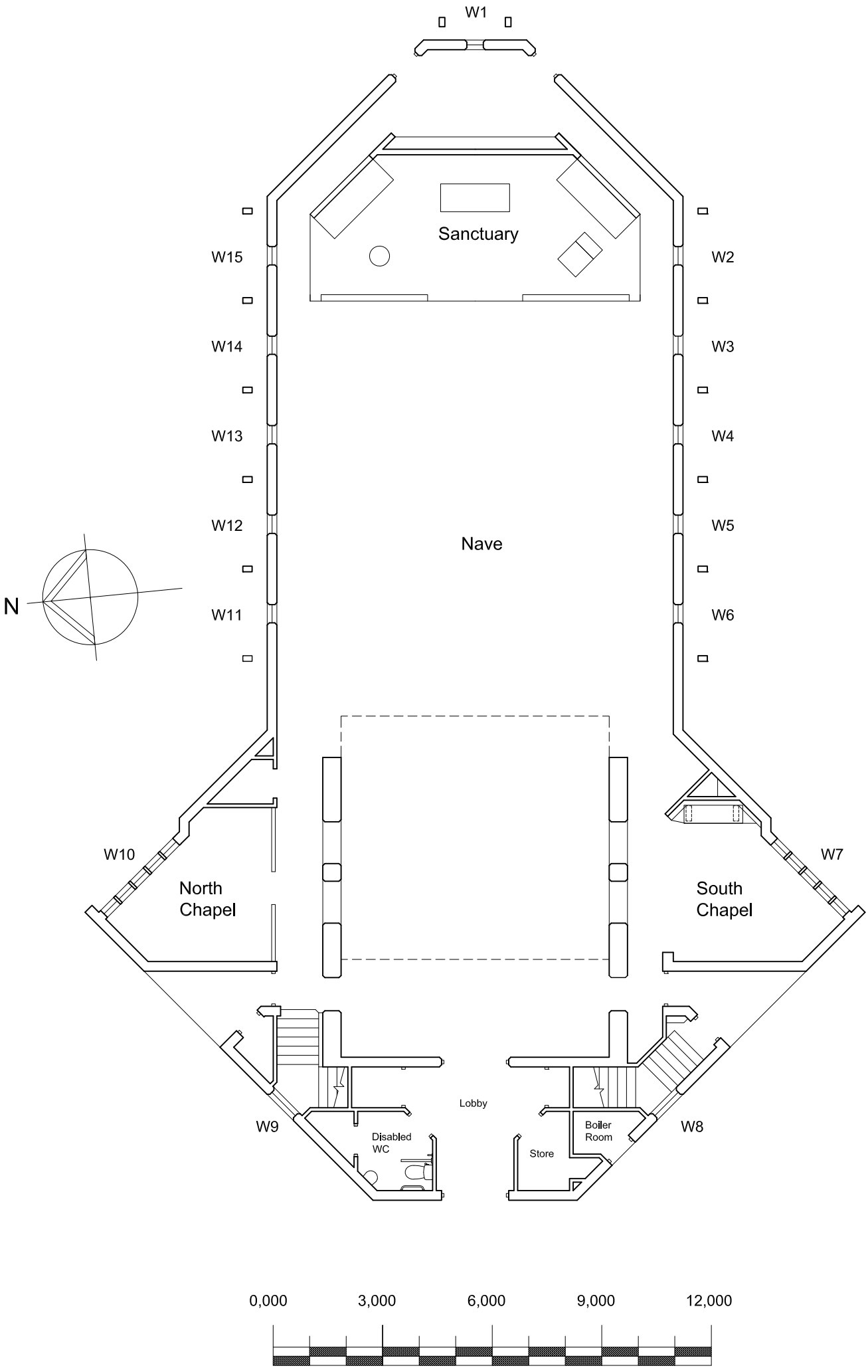
The Gallery was remodelled in 2020 to provide additional fixed seating for 77 persons. The Organ was repositioned, and a new cantilevering glass balustrade was provided to the Gallery.



Fig 4 Inside looking East



Fig 5 Inside looking West



Ground Floor Plan

The previous page is a Ground Floor Plan showing the new proposed extension.

The Proposals
The existing solid timber vertically boarded doors are to be removed and new double leaf doors are to be provided in Oak, which will have glazed panels. The door leaves will be hooked back when the Church is in use. The glazed panels should enable passers-by to view the inside of the Church.

Accessibility
The Parish consider that the ability to see into the Church will be a major advantage to passers-by unfamiliar with the interior. This improvement is also intended to make the Church more welcoming.

The main part of the Nave is on one level although there is a step up to the Sanctuary.

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