

Extension St Catherine's Church at East Tilbury

for

PCC East & West Tilbury & Linford



Grade I listed St Catherine's at East Tilbury draws its significance from association with the earliest settlement of Saint Ceadd. Standing on a bleak bend in the lower reaches of the River Thames on a site well placed for the siting of artillery to control the lower reaches of the river.

As a result the church has had a number of forts as a neighbour and now forms part of a destination consisting of parkland, river-scape and historic fortifications peripheral to its supporting community.

Inkpen Downie were commissioned to build an extension that would allow users to visit the loo and make a cup of tea. This was achieved by a simple lean-to structure at the west end connected by the opening up of the long bricked up west door. The condition of the mediaeval fabric around the west door resulted in major repairs being carried out in this area.

The extension project soon grew into one to reorder and remove pews, provide a flexible worship space, installation of an effective heating system and then a number of much needed repairs including the removal of detrimental modern materials and complete replacement of roof finishes.



Key features

- Provide a flexible worship space
- Provide a warm & comfortable building
- Enables the modern liturgy to be followed within an historic setting
- Provide kitchen & toilet facilities to improve the services available to the congregation & wider community groups



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