

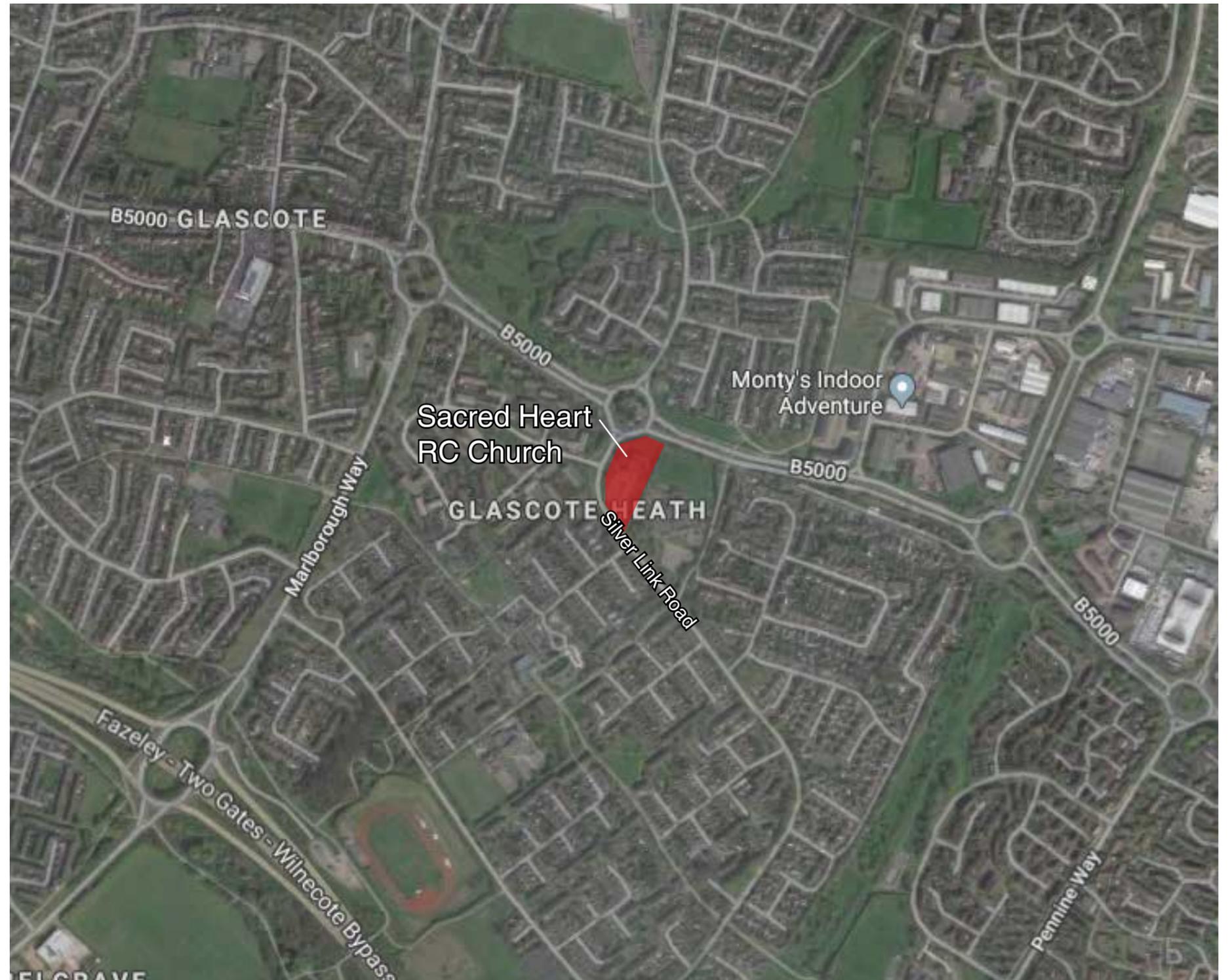


Sacred Heart RC Church
Proposed Church Extension and New Entrance
January 2018

Introduction

Sacred Heart RC Church is located in Glascoate, just south-east of Tamworth. The Church currently supports a large congregation. In order to ensure it can continue to support the growing congregation extension of the main Church is required along with the creation of a new, more welcoming entrance space.

The church is well placed to provide community space. A new entrance will provide the opportunity to incorporate these spaces whilst linking directly to the Church and opening it up to the wider community.



Location of Sacred Heart RC Church, Glascoate
NOT TO SCALE



Existing Site Plan Scale 1:500

Existing Conditions

Existing Site Access

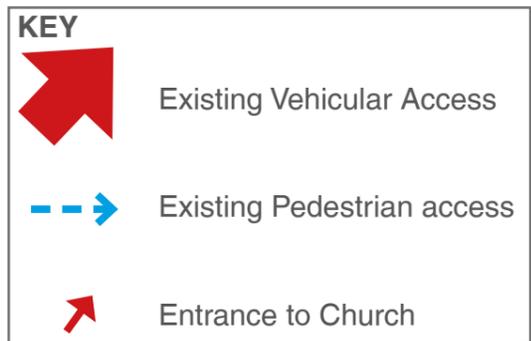
The existing church is located to the north of the site, in the area furthest away from the sites vehicle access point, with a large expanse of car park separating the Church from this access point.

Whilst there is additional pedestrian access to the west of the church there is potential for many visitors to the church to come from the south and so are likely to use the vehicular access point.

For these visitors and anyone arriving by car there is no clear route across the car park to the church entrance. Both safety and ease of navigation for all users could be improved by incorporating pedestrianised routes through the car park.

The lack of clear pathways and the form of the existing church building has resulted in some newcomers to the Church being unable to locate the entrance, with some of them going to the Rectory entrance to the rear of the building.

Whilst there is an area of paving and planting around the church entrance a clear pathway within this is not marked and there is opportunity to better utilise hard and soft landscaping to improve the entrance.



Existing Church Frontage

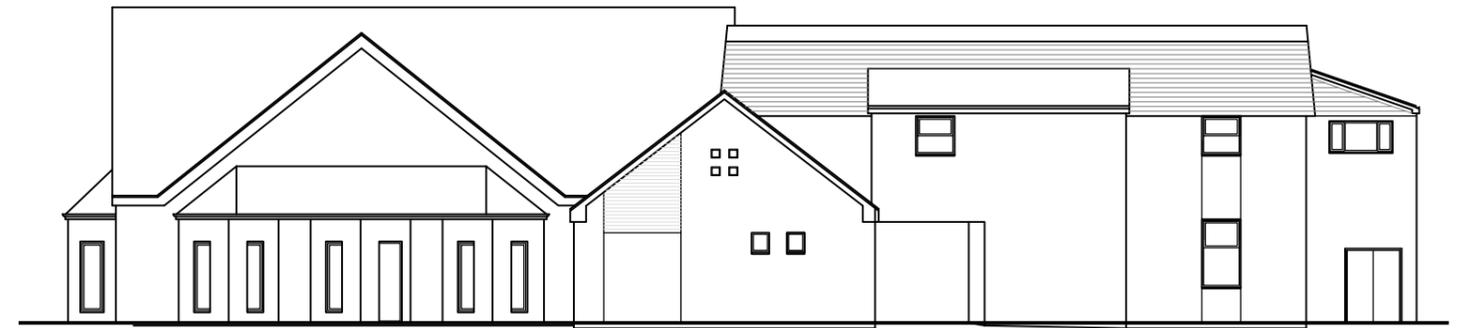
Existing entrance - timber frame porch appears temporary and unwelcoming, not reflective of the nature of the Church

Lack of coherent entrance to Church results in newcomers attempting to enter via Rectory

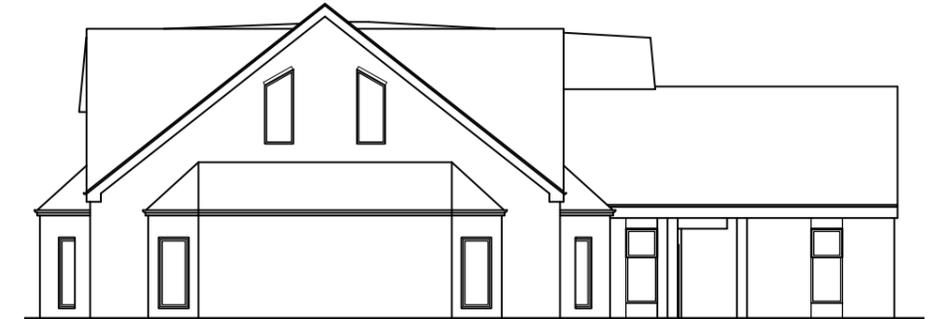
Existing Church Building

The existing church building is of brick construction with concrete roof tiles. The building is made of several volumes with many different roof forms. This results in a somewhat chaotic frontage, with many projecting volumes and several external doors visible on the approach.

Whilst there is currently a timber framed porch in front of the main entrance visitors still have difficulty locating the main entrance. Once inside the small lobby area does not provide a welcoming space, neither does it successfully unify the community spaces at first floor with the Church at ground floor.



Existing Church - Front Elevation Scale 1:200



Existing Church - Side Elevation Scale 1:200



Existing Church - Side Elevation Scale 1:200



Existing Church - Ground Floor Plan Scale 1:200

There is an opportunity to provide a new coherent main entrance and more welcoming entrance space which allows those visiting the community spaces to feel closer to the spaces and functions of the church whilst ensuring they remain open to all.

Proposals

Extending the Church

It is proposed to extend the Church to the north and south of the Sanctuary to provide the much needed additional seating needed to accommodate the congregation and the choir. These new side extensions are in brick with tiled roof to match the existing. Existing window rhythm and sizes is maintained and incorporated into the new walls.

The proposed entrance incorporates a similar rhythm of vertical windows in its frontage. This, along with the pitched canopy over the entrance, which takes its form from the existing gables which face onto the car park, allow a more coherent, simplified frontage to the Church.

A rendered finish to the proposed entrance ensures that attention is focused on the entrance.

Internally a new welcoming entrance space forms the first and last point of contact for all who attend the church and use the community facilities. This allows a unifying space in which those from the church can meet with others. Here a community cafe provides a comfortable area for all, the open plan nature with the entrance ensures its connection with the Church. Community facilities and a private interview room link directly to the entrance space for ease of access. Large height glazing maximises natural light and ventilation to all the inhabited rooms. The interview room is given more privacy with obscured glazing.

The existing paved area to the west of the proposed new entrance is to be retained with a revised landscaping scheme of planting and paving helping to create clear routes to the main entrance.



Proposed Ground Floor Plan Scale 1:200



Aluminium framed window Full height Aluminium framed glazing with single door

Proposed Entrance Extension - Side Elevation Scale 1:100



Extensions to church - new brickwork wall to match existing

New entrance extension - parapet wall with rendered finish and aluminium coping

Glazing incorporating entrance doors and stained glass feature

Roof clad in standing seam metal - over-sailing canopy to form shelter over porch area

Proposed Entrance Extension - Front Elevation

Scale 1:100



Zinc standing seam metal roof over-sailing to form canopy over porch

Aluminium framed windows for light and natural ventilation

Zinc standing seam metal roof

Parapet wall - rendered block work

Full height glazing incorporating french doors

Proposed Entrance Extension - Side Elevation

Scale 1:100

A Welcoming Approach

As part of the proposals the car park will be reconfigured to incorporate clear pedestrian routes through to the church entrance. This will allow for additional car parking spaces and safer access for both those arriving on foot and those walking across the car park after arriving by car.

Contrasting paving, lined with bollard lighting will lead visitors directly to the main entrance. The prominence of this entrance point is further emphasised through the use of planting.





View from Silver Link Road towards Sacred Heart showing Proposed new entrance extension
Artists Impression - View from point A (see Proposed Site Plan page 8)

The simple form of the new entrance extension will provide a coherent single point of access to the church.

The form of the existing pitched gables facing onto to car park is echoed in the new canopy. This over-sails to provide shelter. The wide glazed entrance allows views in to the community space, signalling the open nature of the church and welcoming to all.



View from new path through car park towards the proposed new entrance extension
Artists Impression - View from point B (see Proposed Site Plan page 8)

The reconfigured car park will incorporate new lighting to ensure safe and clearly navigable routes are maintained even throughout dark winter evenings.

The wide glazed entrance comes alive with light illuminating the canopy and its surround, providing a safe and welcoming approach.



Evening view from Silver Link Road towards Sacred Heart showing Proposed new entrance extension
Artists Impression - View from point A (see Proposed Site Plan page 8)

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