

CITY AND COUNTY OF SWANSEA

LISTED BUILDING	Hope Independent Chapel, St. Teilo Street, Pontardulais, Swansea.
Grade:-	II
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Notes:-

Location:-

Situated in the centre of Pontarddulais on the side of St Teilo Street opposite the junction with New Road.

History:-

Independent chapel of 1872 built to designs of the rev. Thomas Thomas for £1,000. A small chapel of 7.3m by 13.4m had been built in 1869. Thomas White was the builder of the new chapel, Thomas Griffiths carpenter. Improvements were made in 1880. Large vestry added in 1909 to designs by J.Davies & Son of Llanelli, Geogre mercer of Llanelli contractor, at a cost of £1,419/19/6d (£1,419.97).

Exterior:-

Gable-fronted Independent Chapel of 1872, Gothic style, in coursed brown rock-faced rubble stone with Bathstone dressings and slate roof. Façade has raised coped gable with iron finial. Outer clasping buttresses to angles with octagonal ashlar pinnacles rising from square bases.

Two storey, four-window frontage, with paired first floor openings separated by central dividing mid-buttress. First floor opening are paired Y-traceried ashlar windows. Corresponding pointed-headed ground floor doors in gabled ashlar doorcases. Gable has small ashlar trilobe with double hoodmould inscribed "Hope Chapel Built 1872" between. Flush band beneath. Mid-buttress has coped gable with finial beneath band, set-off at first floor sill level and coped gable with finial at ground floor.

Ashlar dressings and quoins. Outer buttresses have 3 set-off, then square plinths beneath octagonal ashlar shafts with steep pointed octagonal caps bearing iron finials. Centre recessed paired pointed ashlar windows have outer quoins, centre pier and pair hoodmoulds with carved stops. Stones voussoirs. Ashlar sills and thin band each side. Doorcases have flush ashlar surrounds beneath gabled hoods with finials. Blank trefoil to each gable. Boarded timber doors and leaded overlights.

Right side is rough rubble stone with slate roof. Seven window range with three buttresses. All light are tall, pointed headed with brick dressings and reveals.

Similar left side, but in rock-faced rubble with flush ashlar heads to windows. Timber Y-tracery glazing. Vestry to rear, possibly the original chapel of 1869, has pointed-headed window to each side of door. Y-tracery glazing. Stucco rendered rear wall.

Beyond is two-storey vestry of 1909 with similar unpainted stucco façade each end. Three arcade windows to first floor, larger to centre. Ground floor has 2 cambered-headed 12-pane sashes and centre pedimented door. Hoodmould to windows. Windows have hoodmoulds and side windows are recessed. Roundel vent to gable and "1909" date. Two-storey, 4 windows side wall.

Listed:-

Included as a well designed Gothic chapel by the Rev. Thomas Thomas, with galleried interior of unusual length, with fine pulpit and organ. Fine vestry interior of 1909.

Reference:-

Rev E. Lewis Evans, Eglwys Hope Pontarddulais, 1969