

## CITY AND COUNTY OF SWANSEA

<b>LISTED BUILDING</b>	Church of St. Mary, St Mary's Square, Swansea
<b>Grade:-</b>	II
<b>Date of Notification:-</b>	22.04.52 amended 30.03.87
<b>National Grid Reference:-</b>	6559092930
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### **Notes:-**

Originally a medieval church, nave rebuilt 1739 by Thomas Woodward of Worcester, whole church rebuilt 1895-9 by Sir A. Blomfield of London. Fabric burnt out 1941 and largely rebuilt 1954-9 by Leslie Moore and Sir Percy Thomas.

Plan form of apsidal Lady Chapel with wide ambulatory and vestries linked back to transepts, tall chancel and nave with aisles, north and south porches, tall south tower attached to south transept. Snecked rubble, freestone dressings, slate roofs (copper to aisles), gable parapets with cross finials, corner buttresses (absent to Lady Chapel). Five-light east window under hoodmould, flanked by tracery to chancel, perp windows to north transept, paired lancets between pilaster buttresses to nave. Entrance under south-tower with battlemented parapets, southwest stair, two light bell-openings, nook shafts to pointed doorway. Gabled south porch (foundation stone laid 1896) with Christ mandorla and foliage to plain west gable, Christ with four evangelist symbols to Tympanum of triple-order west door.

Interior: Apsidal east chapel with low ribbed ceiling, diagonal strainer arches over angles. Arched treatment to east lancets, heavy stringcourse with paterae, three-bay arcade below, screens to east bay of arcades, elaborate stepped Geometric sedilia. Organ blocking south transept arch, screen to north, no chancel screen. Open timber roof with collar beam and hammerbeams on wall-head, arched braces. Six bay nave with collar and tie-beam roof, arched braces, round columns, chamfered arcades, transverse arches to aisles.

Older furnishings include a damaged 14<sup>th</sup> Century effigy of a lady in the north transept, a brass (ca 1510) of knight and lady north side of alter.

### **Reference:-**

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