

CITY AND COUNTY OF SWANSEA

LISTED BUILDING	Bethesda Baptist Chapel, Bethesda Street
Grade:-	II*
Date of Notification:-	30.03.87
National Grid Reference:-	6578093900
O.S. 1:10,000 Sheet No.:-	69 SE
CADW Reference No.:-	11554
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Notes:-

Set below road level in a railed burial ground on corner with Prince of Wales Road.

Rebuilt ca 1870. Architect not known. Neo-classical chapel with elaborate renaissance porch of segmental plan. Three-bay coursed ashlar (decayed) south front, modern pantiled roof, cemented and painted side elevations. Pedimented frontispiece with dentil cornice, flanked balustraded parapets and open work domed turrets with finials to corners. Entablature supported by paired pilasters on tall panelled pedestals with interrupted string-course. Triple openings to pediment, three round-headed lights below inscribed frieze, moulded architraves, keyblocks and linked impost bands, panelled fields with roundels over windows. Long lights to outer bays.

Segmental-plan porch with three canted and richly carved doorpieces to round-arched openings, segmental pediments with foliage finials and dove tympana, foilage spandels, Corinthian pilasters. Paired round-arched doors under porch.

West elevation with dentil cornice and entablature continuing from entrance front, four pilastered bays with windows on two levels (blank north end with removal of chancel hall). Two-storey seven-window east elevation without pilasters but with linked impost bands.

Pedimented north front with chimney at apex and domed turrets linked by solid parapets.

Said to have an "Excellent interior". Christman Evans, the great preacher, who died in 1838 was buried near the original chapel.

Reference:-

A Jones: "Welsh Chapels", (National Museum 1984) page 42. Shown without porch on Swansea Tithe Map dated 2nd October 1843.