

## CITY AND COUNTY OF SWANSEA

<b>LISTED BUILDING</b>	Church of St Matthew, High Street
<b>Grade:-</b>	II
<b>Date of Notification:-</b>	30.03.87
<b>National Grid Reference:-</b>	6569293751
<b>O.S. 1:10,000 Sheet No.:-</b>	69 SE
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### **Notes:-**

Gable end forward to street with raised churchyard flanking sides and rear. On the site of the medieval chapel of St John the Baptist, rebuilt 1823-24 to designs of Wm. Jernegan.

Existing church 1886. By Bucknall and Jennings, architects of Swansea, possibly incorporating some earlier fabric. Mixed Romanesque and classical style.

Raised east gable with moulded cornice and kneelers, Celtic cross to apex; coursed rubble, freestone dressings; quatrefoil over round-headed containing arch with impost bands and architrave ground. Stepped three light window with unusual colonnettes, fluted bands etc., topped by volutes. Polygonal south porch with hipped roof to classical doorway, tall round arch windows with thin roll mouldings to side elevations.

Narrow gabled (roofless) porch rising above north eaves, coursed rubble (not bonded), driven quoins. Tall round arch with long and short quoins and (blocked) square-headed doorway to rubble infill. Quatrefoil to gable apex, blind tablet under; round arched bell openings to upper sides. Pedimented and pilastered arch to west gable bellcote, giant arch treatment under with architrave linked to impost band; five-light west window with stepped lights as east window, lean-to porch with heavy parapets below.

Unaisled nave interior with open boarded roof and tie beams with thin Gothic braces, panelled gallery front with Corinthian cast-iron columns to west end. Triple arch treatment to east end, tall chancel arch with architrave and square piers flanking side arches.

Low churchyard walls attached along street front with outer gateways, rusticated piers and segmental caps, ironwork gates plus arched lantern bracket over left hand gateway.

### **Reference:-**

Information from Mr P Howell.

Glamorgan County History, volume III page 129.  
H Colvin, "Biographical Dictionary", (1978), page 460.  
Kelly's Directory 1914, page 874.  
Society of Antiquaries drawings dated June 1823.