

CITY AND COUNTY OF SWANSEA

LISTED BUILDING	St James Church, Walter Road, Uplands, Swansea
Grade:-	II
Date of Notification:-	25.07.94
National Grid Reference:-	SS 6435892943
O.S. 1:10000 Sheet No:-	S 69 SW
CADW Reference No:-	14637
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Notes:-

In churchyard formed by St James' Crescent and Walter Road.

History:-

Consecrated 1867; by T Nicholson, architect, of Hereford. Church was built as chapel of ease to St Mary's, Swansea until separate parish formed 1985. Some damage, especially to windows, caused by Second World War bomb.

Exterior:-

C19 version of Decorated style. Brown snecked stone, pale freestone dressings, slate roof; angled buttresses, most windows have hoodmoulds with head stops. Nave, aisle, chancel, N and S transepts, S porch, vestries to N of chancel. West nave window, 3 light; 2-light window to each aisle end. S gabled porch, angle buttresses, polygonal shafts, flowers in hollow of arch, stone benches to interior, simple arch to entrance doorway of church.

Aisle windows with hoodmoulds with head stops. Four-light transept window. Single bay organ chamber to angle with chancel, 3-light round window with quatrefoil to E. Priest's door to chancel, 2-light window.

Six-light E window with intersecting tracery. To N of chancel, vestries etc; 3-light E window; octagonal stone chimney. Flat-roofed boiler room entrance in NW angle of transept; door to W end of aisle.

Interior:-

Nave of 4 bays with round shafts, floral carpets (unhistorical transitional plus natural detail); relief roundels of prophets to spandrels. Open braced roofs to nave and chancel. S transept alter with wooden traceried panels to alter and reredos. South chancel organ chamber. Inner orders of arches of chancel arch and N and S 'chapels' on corbelled (floral and angle corbells) shafts with floral capitals. E and W windows 1953-54 by Gerald Smith of A K Nicholson.

Included for prominence in conservation area.

References:-

D Walker, St James' Church, Swansea, Swansea, 1985.