

CITY AND COUNTY OF SWANSEA

LISTED BUILDING	Tabernacle United Reformed Church, Newton Road, Oystermouth, Swansea
Grade:-	II
Date of Notification:-	29.10.99
National Grid Reference:-	SS61380 88165
O.S. 1:10,000 Sheet No.:-	SS 68 NW
CADW Reference No.:-	22573
C & C of S Reference No.:-	LB:396

Notes:-

Location:-

Location E of the junction between Newton Road and Chapel Street.

History:-

Built in 1870 as a Congregational Church (date on building).

Exterior:-

Geometrical style chapel of snecked, rock-faced stone and lighter stone dressings, with slate roof. The gabled entrance front, facing the road is 3 bays, the outer bays being set-back lean –tos with diagonal buttresses and narrow cusped lancets. The central bay has double doorways placed within a gabled portal and under a pointed arch with the name and date of the building in engraved letters. The doorways have boarded doors, moulded jambs and arches. Above them and beneath the arch is a quatrefoil window. Above a string course are a pair of 2-light geometrical windows cusped round window above and a small narrow vent below the apex.

The 4-bay side walls have 2 tiers of paired lancets and low clerestorey has triple cusped lights to each bay. Attached to the rear is a later vestry and school room comprising a lower projection and then a wide asymmetrical gable was pointed windows and doorway, and under concrete tile roofs.

Interior:-

An entrance vestibule has doorways to the main chapel and gallery with panelled doors. The 3-sided raked gallery is carried on a full height 4-bay arcade of wooden posts with arches and similar arches at right angles over the gallery. The gallery front has panels with diagonal boarding below open fret-cut arcading (and with an added street hand rail). The 4-bay roof has arched braces to the principals similar to the arcade. Behind the pulpit is an added recess projecting into the vestry which houses the organ below a 2-centred moulded arch. The pulpit has panels and openwork arcading and is flanked by steps with square moulded newels and balusters. Some windows have coloured abstract glazing by Glasslight Studios.

Listed:-

Listed principally for the architectural interest of the interior, specially its fine arcade and gallery.

Reference:-