St John the Baptist Church

Local Heritage Asset Register

Bilborough

HA587



Status:	Recommendation to add
Age:	Early to Mid-20th Century
Conservation Area:	No
Date added to the list:	
Condition:	Good

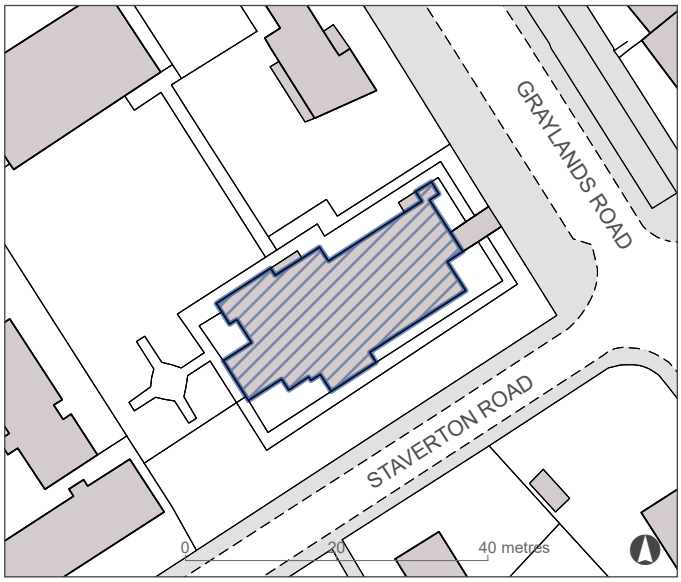
Assessment against Local Criteria

1. Age: 1914-1960
2. Good example of a high quality modernist design by a local Nottinghamshire practice
3. Good example of a modernist Anglican Place of Worship retaining much of its original design

Reason for Designation

Good example of a Modernist Anglican Church retaining much of its original significance

Local List Proposal



Description

By Frank Broadhead & E. Vernon Royle. Information at: http://southwellchurches.nottingham.ac.uk/bilborough-st-john/hintro.php - This modern brick church is the post-war successor to St John's, Leenside, Nottingham, which was destroyed by enemy fire on 8th May 1941. To make the best use of the site it was orientated with the altar at the west and main entrance at the east. The nave is a large rectangle (with north and south aisles) free of columns, the Lady Chapel separate behind the altar wall. There is a priest's vestry and choir vestry, a north east tower, but no bell, and a transept.

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Additional Description:

On 21 May 1959 the new church was consecrated by Bishop Gelsthorpe. The church was designed as a large rectangle with no columns so that everybody inside the church would have an unobstructed view of the altar. The altar stands at the west side of the church, opposite the entrance to the east, an unusual arrangement. The Lady Chapel was planned to stand behind the altar wall, an area now used for quiet contemplation. There is also a priest's vestry, choir vestry, a north-east tower without bells, and a transept. There is no east window, but plain rectangular ones all round. Rectangular pillars bear stations of the cross and there is a plain, flat baldachin. The stone tub font is tall and tapered, the wooden pulpit square and bearing nine apostles in stainless steel. There is a priest's desk and one for readers. All the craftsmen who built the church are commemorated on a special wooden plaque. Outside are five mosaic panels on the south transept wall.

Heritage category:	Building
Asset type:	Religious Sites
Original use:	
Current use:	Religious
Currently occupied:	Yes
Architect, style / material:	1959. By Frank Broadhead
Condition:	Good

Part of a group of heritage assets:

Associated with historical events or people:

Is it associated with any buried remains or archaeology? If so please describe:

How is it of importance to the local community? :

Selection Panel Date:	Date added to the list:
02/04/2019	

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