

HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH

Place No. 217

ADDRESS	792-800 Church Street Doncaster	Last Update
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DESCRIPTION	This church is located at the south-east corner of Church Street and Doncaster Road.		
	Condition Excellent	Integrity	Minor modifications
	Threats	Key elements	
	Designer Charles Barrett, architect, Kew		

HISTORY This simple Early English Gothic sandstone church with an attached belltower was built between 1867-69.

Church of England services began in 1853-54 in the home of the Pickerings (who had settled in the area in 1849) and were conducted by Canon C J Perks of St Stephens Richmond. On the 23rd June, 1867 a government reserve was gazetted for the erection of a church and school. In September a design was received from Charles Barrett, architect, of Kew, through the Rev. R. Hayward whose parish, Holy Trinity Kew was now responsible for Doncaster. The cost estimate was one thousand pounds, with seating for two hundred which was later reduced to one hundred to reduce costs. The stone was quarried further north down Church Road near Ruffey's Creek in a quarry owned by Mr Campbell of London. George Inch won the contract for the walls, of 100 pounds. The foundation stone was laid on 1st June 1868 by the Rt. Reverend Charles Perry, Bishop of Melbourne. It was opened on 29.3.1869.

In late 1885 a porch was added. In September 1886 tenders were let for a timber chancel to Williams and Carson. By 11 June, 1932 the design was completed, including the belltower. The memorial fence and gates were erected in 1946. The new nave was consecrated by Archbishop Frank Woods on 19 December, 1971 to John Mockridge's design. R.J. Grills were the builders. The stone has always come from the same quarry [122].

The church is built from local sandstone, set as coursed rubble, it has a gable slate roof and three bays. Each bay has a lancet pair and there are angled corner buttresses. The east end has a pointed segmental headed window of three lancets with stone mullions and a label mould under. At the south east corner is a belltower surmounted by a timber belfry, with a square candle-snuffer roof and cast-iron finial. This church has become the choir to a new nave. This has been skilfully and sympathetically related to the older building. It has an interesting exposed roof structure and glass side walls, between narrow mullions and a new three-lancet window at the west end, in a stone wall. There is a side meeting room and a courtyard garden.

There is a total of about twenty leadlight windows (many relocated) dating from between 1917 and 1932, then 1967 to 1977. These are invariably dedicated to local people. There is a small museum of memorabilia and historic documents.

The Church and the church buildings are intact and in good condition. The buildings needs repointing, (especially sills and buttresses) and other stone repairs.

All of the earlier churches in the City are Early English variants, and are comparable. The Church of Christ, Doncaster Road also has Voysey influence, and the Lutheran Church has a comparable belfry.

Creation Date 1867-69

Change Dates

Associations

Local Themes

6.02 - Churches

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE	Of local significance as an unsophisticated design in local stone. The 1932 work shows some influence by C.F.A. Voysey, and the English Arts and Crafts movement. The 1971 addition by John Mockridge is to his usual fine standard of design, done with great interest, sympathy and tact. Windows and other memorials are unimportant aesthetically, but are an important record of the history of the early Doncaster community. The church is of historical significance for its associations with the early settlement of the area.
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RECOMMENDATIONS

Heritage Register Listings

Register	Reference	Zoning	Status
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None Specified

Extent

Heritage Schedule

External Paint Controls:

On VHR:

VHR Ref No:

Internal Alteration Controls:

Prohibited Uses:

Tree Controls:

Aboriginal Heritage Place:

Outbuildings or Fences:

Incorporated Plan:

Incorporated Plan Details

Description:

Conservation Management

Extra Research

BIBLIOGRAPHY