

SCHEME FOR OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH AND ADJACENT HOUSES

Hungerford, UK
2006

FUNCTION:
Church and housing

CLIENT:
Hungerford and Lambourn
Parish

CONTRACT VALUE:
Confidential

AREA:
25,000 m²

COST/m²:
Confidential

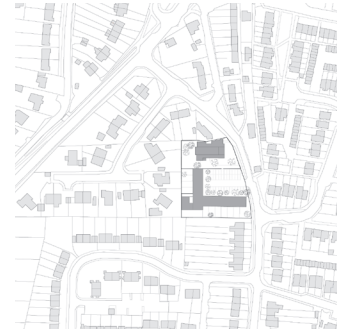
In our proposal for the redevelopment of Our Lady of Lourdes Church for the Hungerford and Lambourn parish, we have proposed a building, which consists of simple forms and materials, animated inside by light. The new church is placed within a planted walled garden to preserve the tranquillity of the existing site. Simple, monumental construction is proposed: brick walls, a lead roof and aluminium window frames and rainwater pipes that provide long-term durability and low maintenance. The houses, which are part of the overall scheme, are of the same construction and positioned so as to draw the two original cottages on the other side of the street into a cohesive arrangement.

The Church faces east and presents its bell tower and sanctuary to the street. The congregation would approach on foot through the garden, leaving their cars in the court. Wedding and funeral cars would enter through the garden in a dignified fashion, through landscaping and away from the parked cars.

The Priest can enter through a private door directly to the sacristy. The entrance to the church, the narthex, is a glazed porch where the people can congregate and speak to the Priest on departure.

On the West side is the church hall which opens to the rear garden and is linked to the main body of the church by sliding acoustic doors. It provides an additional 48 seats increasing the capacity of parishioners to 250.

On entering the Church there is a direct view of the baptistery, seen in a recess in the north wall. Further along the confessional is set back from the main body of the church for discretion and quietness. At the eastern end of the Church is the sacristy with a high space above. To these three elements light comes from above through stained glass.



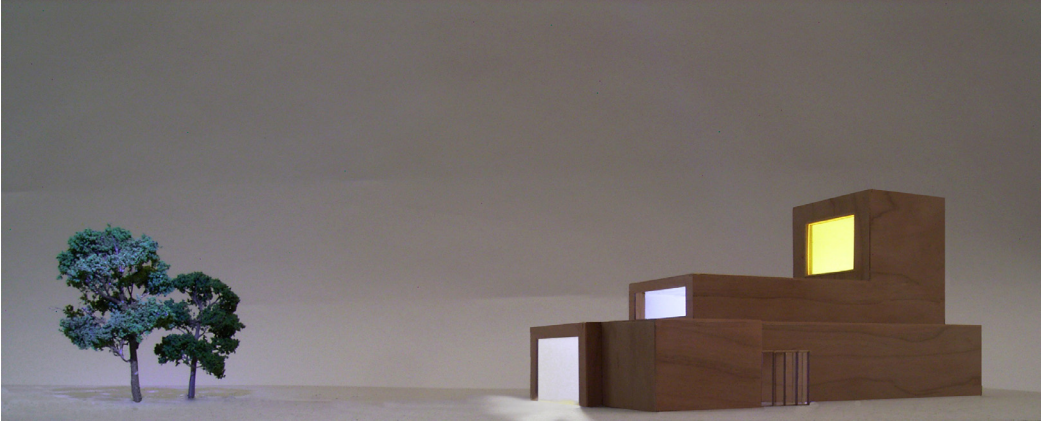
Location Plan



Ground Floor Plan



Sectional model of church



Model photograph



Interior