

## Church Community Centre Central Baptist Church, Ward Road, Dundee

A derelict building adjacent to the existing church has been replaced with a two storey community hall (600m<sup>2</sup>) to accommodate a variety of multi purpose rooms for the church's many activities. Working with the Building Advisory Committee, made up of volunteer members, Oliver Chapman Architects assisted with a review of the church's various buildings and the development of the brief for this significant project.

Despite the site having neighbouring buildings overshadowing it, the design brings daylight into each principal space in a dramatic way. The main hall can be approached both directly through the new entrance from the street and perpendicularly from the existing church. Although there is a first floor above it, natural light floods down into the main hall, unexpectedly at the rear of the space, providing an illuminated destination for visitors.

Natural light continues to flood into the existing church's first floor sanctuary through roof glazing along the west edge of the new building. This also allow light to spill across the brick east elevation of the church and the stone window tracery will be visible from within the church hall.

Project Value: £1.3m, Completed April 2009  
Client: Dundee Central Baptist Church  
Quantity Surveyor: D I Burchell & Partners, Dundee  
Engineer: Morgan Associates, Dundee  
Contractor: W H Brown Construction



Alterations to improve access to the existing sanctuary are discrete.



All the different users in mind contributed to the development of the brief



Daylight floods into the foyer and sanctuary windows between new & old.



Natural light enters the main hall from above through an oak rooflight.



Named 'the Link' the new building also works as a foyer to the existing church