

Cambridge church chooses glass moveable wall

Downing Place church is an open and inclusive church in the centre of Cambridge that welcomes all.

In 2018 it closed its doors to undergo a significant redevelopment and, following the challenges of Covid lockdowns, it re-opened in April 2021.

Working with Arch Angel architects, and Coulson Builders, Style was specified to create a moveable divide between the main church and the meeting space at the rear.

To enable plenty of light to flow through the church, a Dorma Huppe Variflex glass moveable wall system was installed with a pass door for ease of access.

The wall also has automatic blinds which means complete privacy is available when needed, and the impressive 50dB acoustic rating of the Variflex means that concurrent gatherings and meetings can take place either side of the wall undisturbed.

"This is a highly practical and stylish glass moveable wall which is ideal for churches like Downing Place URC," said Steve Williams, sales director for Style Midlands.

"With semi-automatic operation, it is effortless to open and close making it simple for anyone to change the use of the space at a moment's notice, with the acoustic seals moving into place to apply the right pressure and maximise the acoustic barrier.

"With churches being at the heart of all communities, we see a lot of demand for moveable, folding and partitioning walls as this enables the space to be used for a multitude of activities each and every day. It also opens up more opportunities for room hire to create additional income."

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