

# Capel



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Capel Y Groes, Welsh Calvinistic Methodist (1982), Bodhyfryd

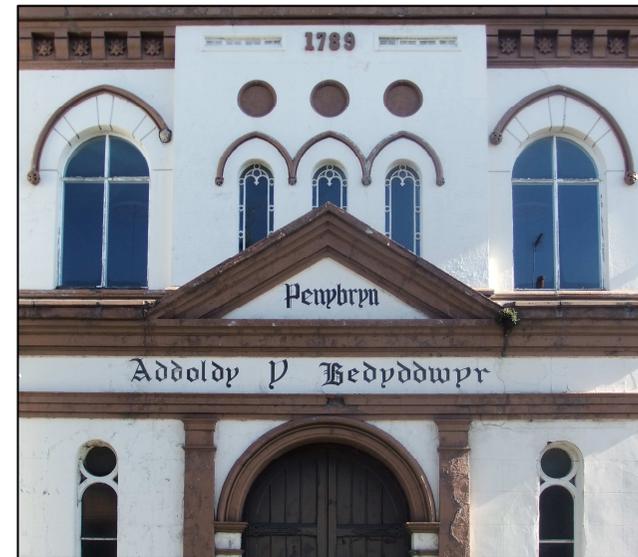


Designed by Colwyn Bay architects Bowen, Dann, Davies and built by McAlpine in 1981-2 at a cost of c. £325,000, Capel y Groes opened in February 1982 and replaced Seion, Regent Street which closed in 1979. The structure uses a steel frame with brick cladding, and its appearance is characteristic of the architects' design with a low spreading roof. Windows are stained hardwood. A free-standing brick tower supports a cross. Ancillary rooms allow the chapel to be used for a variety of different meetings.

Jerusalem, Welsh Wesleyan (1972), Pen y Maes Avenue

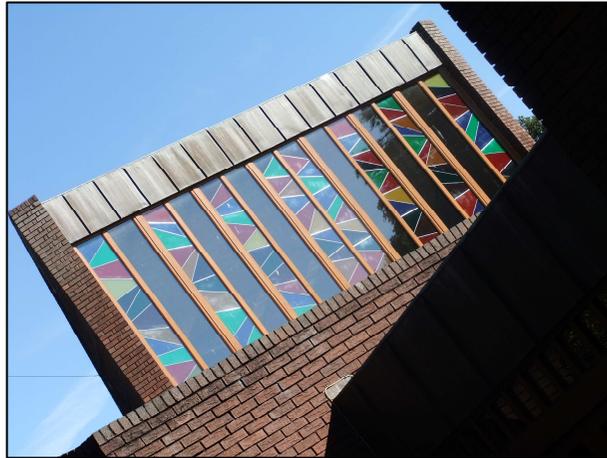
Constructed in 1971-2 to replace a town-centre chapel of the same name, the new Jerusalem is an extension to a property built as a private house in the 1930s in the style of an Indian country residence. The chapel's design was by Denbigh architect Wynn Rogers and seats 169 people. Floor to ceiling windows on both sides provide ample natural light and walls are faced with Cumberland slate. The pulpit and rail is by J. Barber & Son, and other items by A. Davies & Son, both Wrexham firms. The new chapel was opened in July 1972 and consecrated by Rev. Gwilym R. Tilsley.

Pen Y Bryn, Welsh Baptist (formerly Independent) (1789), Chapel Street



Although the congregation was established on 1 March 1783 the chapel building was not completed until 1789. A gallery, added c. 1818, was taken down when the chapel was remodelled in 1881. At the same time a porch was added to the front, the old seats were replaced with new ones, the two-decker pulpit removed and the apse formed for a rostrum. The Independents sold the chapel to the Welsh Baptists in 1898 and the gallery was later restored. The interior has a coved ceiling, but sadly, none of the surviving features can be identified, with certainty, as being original. Extensive renovation work was carried out in 1970.

### Ebeneser, Welsh Independent Church (1975)



Built in 1975 and designed by G. Raymond Jones & Associates of Wrexham to replace Ebeneser, Queen Street (1862, demolished 1979), it has a distinctive appearance comprising a series of wedge-shaped blocks that made best use of the irregularly shaped site. Rooms are arranged on more than one level and there are no windows directly facing the main road. When originally built it was notable for its shiny copper cladding complementing its brick exterior. Completed at a cost of £182,000 it was consecrated on 14 January 1976.

### Regent Street Methodist Church (1972), Regent Street



The area occupied by the old Brynyffynnon (1890) was demolished in Autumn 1970 to make way for a retail development. Architects G. Raymond Jones & Associates, in collaboration with John Laing Design Associates, incorporated the new church above the shop units and provided access via a free-standing tower housing a staircase and lift. The church interior is notable for its use of wood and brick as well as utilising natural light from the roof. Seating is arranged in a broad semi-circle as well as in wall alcoves. The first service took place in the new building on 6 December 1972. Refurbishment has been carried out subsequently.

### Trinity Presbyterian Church of Wales (1908), King Street



Built 1907-8 of ruabon Brick and stone with an integral tower and featuring a broad window containing Art Nouveau tracery. The contractor was T. LL. Davies of Rhos whose tender was £3998 and £61 for oak panelling. The school-room was opened first on Friday 8 November 1907 and services held on the following Sunday. The main church was opened on Friday 9 October 1908. Most of the suppliers were local and many were connected with the church. The single most expensive item was the organ at a cost of £544-16-10, a sum partly off-set by a donation of £200 from Andrew Carnegie. Centenary celebrations took place in October 2008.

### Tabernacle, Hill Street, Rhostyllen (1828)



Established 1810, a new building was erected in 1828 and uses Ruabon brick and stone. It became part of the English-language Presbyterian Church of Wales. Mr. Barry Humphreys, who has researched the Chapel's history, will speak to us.