

Authority	Vale of Glamorgan	Grade	I
		Date Listed	05/12/1963
Community	Cowbridge with Llanblethian	Date Amended	16/09/1999
Locality	Cowbridge	Grid Ref	29939 17459
		Record No	13187
Name	Church of the Holy Cross		
Street No, Name	Church Street		
Street Side	E		

Location

To NE of town gate and grammar school.

History

The church was probably founded with the medieval town, and was formerly a chapel of ease of Llanblethian Church. The church was successively remodelled, reflecting the increasing prosperity of Cowbridge during the Medieval period. The present building incorporates a nave and chancel of later C13 work; C14 tower (spire destroyed by lightning 1480); C15 S aisle (pre 1473) and chantry chapel to N of chancel: C 16 addition (probably almonry, now vestry) to E end. In 1848, some chancel windows re-opened and glazed by Haycock, C19 N porch dates from restorations in 1850s by John Prichard (cost £1800). In 1893, the tower was renovated, and W gallery removed (cost £800). Further work in 1920s to early 1930s (especially roofs); further work by George Pace in later C20.

Exterior

Local stone walls and slate roofs. Nave with N porch; S aisle; central tower; chancel. North-east choir and Rector's vestries, the former originally a chantry chapel. Windows of Perpendicular form, many restored or rebuilt in Prichard's restoration. Unbuttressed North wall of nave; much of remainder of building buttressed. West nave windows of five lights above battered base with wide roll-moulded chamfered doorway. North wall of nave, from east end, with two windows, thirdly, doorway with blocked niche above, both set inside 1859 gabled porch and, fourthly, a five-light, square-headed perpendicular window with external trace of possibly lancet window opening each side. South wall of S aisle from E end with three three-light windows, chamfered doorway (blocked) and a further 3-light window. Square central tower with inset octagonal castellated parapet and, on north side, with full-height buttress on west and semi-circular stair turret on East. Choir vestry with two blocked windows in north wall and moulded doorway in west wall. East chancel window of five-lights and two south chancel windows of three-lights each.

Interior

Inside, nave arcade of five bays; plastered walls; C15 wagon roof to south aisle; oak boarded roof of circa 1926 to nave; trace of former west nave gallery; pulpit of 1890s. Pointed chancel arch; blocked door to rood loft stairway. Vaulted plaster roof to chancel with a two-bay arcade on to choir vestry, similar to nave arcade. Memorials include marble memorial in nave to David Jenkins Esq of Hensol (died 1664) and members of his family; early C19 memorial to Richard Bates and family; early C17 memorial in south aisle to William Carne of Nash; tablet in West chancel to David and Ann Edwardes of Rhyd-y-Gors, Carmarthen; memorials in chancel to eg Sir Robert Rich. Died 1799 and to the Reverend Thomas Williams who died in 1783. The church is the burial place also of Lewis Morgannwg, Richard Meyrick of Cottrell and of Benjamin Heath Malkin.

Listed

Graded I as medieval church on key site in historic town centre. Group value with surrounding listed buildings.

Reference

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D M Robinson, Cowbridge, Archaeology and Topography, Swansea, 1980, pp 50-56.

Geoffrey R Orrin, Medieval Churches of the Vale of Glamorgan, Cowbridge, 1988, pp127-139.

Brian Ll James and David J Francis, Cowbridge and Llanblethian Past and Present, Barry & Cowbridge, 1979, pp42-46.

Authority	Vale of Glamorgan	Grade	II
Community	Cowbridge with Llanblethian	Date Listed	03/02/1981
		Date Amended	16/09/1999
Locality	Cowbridge	Grid Ref	29938 17462
		Record No	13186
Name	Gate Piers & End Piers, Walls, Railings & Gates at W Entrance to Churchyard		
Street No, Name	Church Street		
Street Side	E		

Location

At W entrance to Churchyard.

History

1866.

Exterior

Wall of stone laid in regular courses with stone coping; tall stone piers with pyramidal coping. Iron railings have uprights with spear-headed finials. Pair of tall, iron gates with double bottom rails with quartrefoil panels; top rails are flat at ends above intersecting tracery but then curving downwards, above uprights with fleur-de-lys finials which rise alternately above middle and top rails.

Listed

Included for group value with church.

Authority	Vale of Glamorgan	Grade	II
Community	Cowbridge with Llanblethian	Date Listed	03/02/1981
		Date Amended	16/09/1999
Locality	Cowbridge	Grid Ref	2994 1745
		Record No	13188
Name	S, SE & NW Churchyard Walls		
Street No, Name	Church Street		

Location

On opposite side of churchyard from entrance in Church Street.

History

In 1815 an Act of Vestry resolved that the Burial Ground "be enclosed in"; previously there seems to have been a fence.

Exterior

Walls of stone rubble with very rough coping on south and south-east sides. On North-west side, the churchyard wall also comprises the wall to the former fives court to Cowbridge Grammar School; this wall becomes very high at North-east end of court where it continues Northwards as far as end pier and railings at Church Street churchyard entrance. On south-west side, the churchyard wall also comprises the rear wall of the late C19 Cowbridge Grammar School wing.

Listed

Early C19 walls defining parish church yard; group value with parish church.

Authority	Vale of Glamorgan	Grade	II
		Date Listed	20/11/1974
Community	Cowbridge with Llanblethian	Date Amended	16/09/1999
Locality	Cowbridge	Grid Ref	29937 17473
		Record No	13182
Name			
Street No, Name	6 & 7 Church Street		
Street Side	W		

Location

Opposite entrance to churchyard.

History

A two-unit house of C16 date now divided into two cottages. The windows and R doorway are later. The building originally had an unheated outer room (perhaps a workshop), but the upper floor was part of dwelling area. See reconstructed elevation in RCAHM Inventory.

Exterior

Stone rubble walls with quoins to right hand and straight joint to left hand where an almshouse row once continued southwards. Slate gabled roof with pebbledash stack to left hand and modern brick stack to centre. Four window front elevation. The two-light stone mullioned and leaded casements with dripstones are replacements, with four above and one in each end bay below. In inner ground floor bays, wide four-centred chamfered doorways with ashlar dressings, the doorway in No 7 probably original but the doorway in No 6 a replacement.

Interior

Internal details include good main ground floor beams, a dressed stone arched doorway in both houses at head of original staircase now in no 7 and hooded fireplace on first floor in no 7.

Listed

House retaining much C16 character opposite historic parish church. Group value with adjacent listed buildings.

Reference

RCAHM (Wales), Glamorgan Inventory, Vol IV... Part II, Farmhouses and Cottages, London, 1988, p 523.

Authority	Vale of Glamorgan	Grade	II*
Community	Cowbridge with Llanblethian	Date Listed	18/04/1973
		Date Amended	16/09/1999
Locality	Cowbridge	Grid Ref	29935 17457
		Record No	13185
Name	Cowbridge Grammar School		
Street No, Name	Church Street		
Street Side	E		

Location

To S of Parish Church.

History

Mid C19 grammar school. Founded 1609, it moved to its present site in 1617. From 1685-1919, under the governance of Jesus College, Oxford. Rebuilt elegantly in 1847-52 to the design of the architect John Prichard, with an asymmetrical front elevation incorporating motifs in late C16 to early C17 style with the purpose of retaining "the existing character of the (old) schoolroom and of making the remainder of the buildings harmonise with the Church on the one side and with the ancient town gateway on the other". SE rear wing of 1894.

Exterior

External walls faced in blue lias stone. Slate gabled roofs with tall ashlar stacks, square or octagonal with embattled coping ashlar dressings and coping to gables, transomed and mullioned windows with dripstones. Elevation to Church Street comprises two adjoining wings parallel to the street, the southern wing with higher roofline but with full-height gabled projections against both.

In detail, two gabled projections at SW end, the southern gable taller and wider, with transomed four-light kitchen window, oriel bay window to first floor and attic slit window; secondly, narrower gable with main entrance to the school through four-centred doorway with dripstone, with first floor transomed two-light window and with attic slit. Third, fourth and fifth bays set back with, respectively single-light, three-light and two-light transomed windows on the ground floor, with adjoining external chimney breast crowned by two octagonal stacks. On first floor, third, fourth and fifth bays with a single-light and two two-light windows respectively; a gabled two-light dormer in centre above eaves. Sixthly at north end of southern wing, a narrow gabled projection with a three-light transomed window on ground floor and a two-light mullioned window on first floor; ashlar belcote to rear. Seventhly, at south end of lower northern wing, a wider and taller gabled projection with two single-light windows on ground floor, two two-light first floor windows with dripstones, attic window slit and square embattled stack on gable end. Eighthly and ninthly and in recession in an elevation of one storey and attic, two three-light transomed and mullioned windows with dripstones on ground floor, a two-light centre window in tall gabled attic dormer and, in centre on first floor, a plaque with this inscription: "IN HONOREM DEI ET ECCLESIAE/HANCCE SCHOLAM/NOVIS AEDIFICIIS AMPLIFICATAM/RESTITUIT/MUNIFICENTIA COLLEGII JESU/OXON. ANNO DOMINI MDCCCLVII". Tenthly, a gabled porch.

SE or garden elevation with headmaster's apartments at south end with three conjoined gables in similar style to St Fagan's Castle or Ty Mawr, Llantwit Major.

Old ball court, possibly of very early origin, to NE. Long rear wing at right angles forms boundary with churchyard.

Interior

Internally Old Assembly Hall, at NE on ground floor with ceiling divided into panels by stopped and chamfered beams in the local vernacular manner (cf 37 High Street, Cowbridge); Dining Room with fireplace and similarly deep chamfered beam; other contemporary fittings of good quality including four-centred doorways.

Listed

Graded II* as exceptional school building by important locally-based architect. The building is important both for its quality and setting and also for its place in the town's history. Group value with adjacent listed buildings.

Reference

Malcolm Seabourne, *Schools in Wales 1500-1900*, Denbigh 1992, pp75-76, 154-155.

Iolo Davies, "A Certain School": A History of the Grammar School at Cowbridge, 1967.

Authority	Vale of Glamorgan	Grade	II
Community	Cowbridge with Llanblethian	Date Listed	18/04/1973
		Date Amended	16/09/1999
Locality	Cowbridge	Grid Ref	29933 17457
		Record No	13184
Name	The Boot House at Grammar School		
Street No, Name	Church Street		
Street Side	E		

Location

Built against the Town Wall or on line of the Town Wall, adjoining the South Gate which is to W.

History

Said to have originated about 1730.

Exterior

Two storey outbuilding with walls of stone rubble, colourwashed. Slate gabled roof. Doors and windows covered at time of inspection. On first floor of elevation to yard, (N) three small two-light casements with small panes and a sash window at right hand end. On ground floor, from left hand, two doors, small window; doorway with old double wood doors; door; two-light casement window with small panes.

Interior

On ground floor, from left hand, two doors, second door leading into room with fireplace and old copper boiler; small window; doorway with old double wood doors; door; two-light casement window with small panes. Floor of stone cobbles to ground floor chambers. Floor of stone cobbles to ground floor chambers.

Listed

C18 building on important site with group value with Grammar School, South Gate and Town Walls.

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		Date Listed	16/09/1999
Community	Cowbridge with Llanblethian		
Locality	Cowbridge	Grid Ref	2993 1745
		Record No	22284
Name	SE Wall To former Grammar School Garden		
Street No, Name	Church Street		
Street Side	W		

Location

Opposite Grammar School.

History

Later C19, built after the demolition of a row of old houses opposite the school.

Exterior

Wall of limestone rubble with rounded rendered coping, rising in height at S end near Rose Cottage, and again over N entrance to garden which has segmental arch over ledged door.

Listed

Included for group value with adjacent listed structures in Church Street and Town Mill Street.