



Treske

BESPOKE CHURCH FURNITURE

Treske is an independent family firm with over 40 years experience of making bespoke hardwood furniture, kitchens and special church commissions. Everything that leaves our North Yorkshire workshops is made to order, to each customer's specification.

We use modern technology but remain totally committed to the skills of our workforce who select the best timbers, excel at fine craftsmanship and produce the exquisite finishes which bring out the beauty of the woods on every piece we make. It is their consistently high standards which keep our customers coming back for more and those contented clients' recommendations which bring new visitors to our showrooms and new orders on to our books.



More than 30 years experience of church, chapel and sanctuary commissions

Treske take great care over the development of designs for special commissions. We understand that the creation of the best work is usually the result of good working relationships between the different people and organizations involved – the church or client, architect, designers and makers, all of whom depend on good communication and mutual respect.

Within this design process Treske use both traditional and modern drawing techniques and technology but remain deeply committed to the time-honoured craft skills. Everyone at Treske is dedicated to success in this field, which is as much the result of attention to detail as it is to experience and inspiration.

Once an enquiry is received we follow up in order to clarify exactly what information is needed. An appointment to meet and see the project location can often be extremely useful in understanding the background thinking to a commission. At this stage we frequently present to interested parties and PCCs how we work and use examples of past commissions as well as bringing appropriate furniture samples to show some of the options.

The British, European and American hardwoods we use at Treske come from sustainable forests where new trees are planted to re-stock areas that are felled. Most of the timbers used are Forestry Stewardship Council certified. We are a holder of the Manufacturing Guild Mark from the Worshipful Company of Furniture Makers, awarded for excellence in British Furniture Manufacturing and are supporters of the charity Woodland Heritage.

The information gathered is developed into a brief which forms the basis for initial designs. These often go through a period of iteration to determine the best design approach before settling on a core concept to develop. Once chosen the design is worked into drawings that can be presented for local approval before they are presented for DAC permissions. Comments from DACs are taken into account and any changes resubmitted.

Once approved, the designs can then be made in the Treske workshops. Many customers visit the workshops while their pieces are being made. The Treske team will keep a customer informed at key points in the process – including the delivery date. With fitted work, site surveys are important – our furniture is made to order and to particular sizes – so before manufacturing the head fitter will visit to make sure the work will fit and make any changes necessary.

All furniture is delivered and installed by Treske craftsmen to the highest standards. We take great pride in our work and know it will be enjoyed for many generations to come.



Ripon Cathedral, St Wilfrid Chairs

CAROE & PARTNERS

Nearly 300 bespoke oak chairs made by Treske have replaced the old pews in the nave of Ripon Cathedral, and are also now being used in the choir. The handsome and sturdy rush-seated chairs with book shelves can be linked and provide maximum flexibility of use for all occasions, from services to concerts. The commission included 25 chairs with arms.

The St Wilfrid Chair has an additional support bar at the back and a lower shelf than similar chairs made for St Magnus Cathedral Orkney, making it exceptionally comfortable and unique to Ripon.



St Andrew's, Epworth

BRIAN FOXLEY ARCHITECT

Treske were selected to provide new oak seating to replace old pine pews, using a mixture of rush seated oak chairs, folding chairs and benches.

A bespoke oak kitchen and servery was fitted as well as a nearby custom-made chair store incorporating a flower arrangers' cupboard and sink. Treske made oak doors and architraves for the north and south nave doors, a welcome desk and book storage. A display cupboard with carved detail for heritage tiles was supplied and fitted to a sloping wall in the nave.

The free-standing ringers gallery structure in oak is set independently to the walls thereby minimising fixings and contact between the two. The glazed screen below and oak door with Isle of Axholme motif were also by Treske.

St Andrew's, Abu Dhabi

St Andrew's Church, in the centre of Abu Dhabi, is home to multiple congregations, worshipping in different languages and traditions and it welcomes over 10,000 worshippers every week.

With their extensive experience of supplying churches with custom designed, hard-wearing, robust furniture, Treske were a natural choice as a supplier when the church was recently refurbished. The company designed and manufactured 425 solid oak chairs, an altar table, a solid oak pulpit, a wall cross and a credence table especially for the church, with the St Andrew's cross hand-carved into some of the furniture.





STACKING CHAIR



St Wilfrid Chair, Rush

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St Wilfrid Arm Chair, Rush

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St Wilfrid Chair, Upholstered

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St Wilfrid Arm Chair, Upholstered

STACKING CHAIR



Southwell Chair, Wood

Bespoke Church Chairs

Chairs for clergy and congregation must meet the needs both of modern worship and community events. In a wide range of styles and woods, stacking or not, Treske have furnished parish churches, cathedrals, Quaker meeting houses, Methodist chapels, school chapels and hospital faith centres.

STACKING CHAIR



St Magnus Chair, Rush

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St Magnus Arm Chair, Rush

STACKING CHAIR



St Magnus Chair, Upholstered

STACKING CHAIR



St Magnus Chair, Fully Upholstered

STACKING CHAIR



St Magnus Arm Chair, Upholstered



St Deiniol Chair, Rush St Deiniol Chair, Upholstered St Andrew Chair, Upholstered Alton Chair, Upholstered All Souls Chair, Upholstered

Churches often choose one of the bespoke designs already developed by Treske but with variations to suit their needs: these can range from the depth of a hymn book shelf to the wood a chair is made of. However we also develop new designs for customers through working carefully with them to understand what is needed and appropriate to historic buildings.



St Mary Chair, Wood St Mary Arm Chair, Wood Modern Stacking Chair, Wood Modern Stacking Chair, Upholstered St Nicholas Folding Chair, Upholstered

All Saints, South Cave

Old and uncomfortable pews have been replaced by chairs and benches in this East Yorkshire village church's refurbishment scheme.

The vicar and churchwardens visited Treske to view the quality of materials and workmanship and discuss their needs before placing their order. They opted for a combination of bespoke chairs and three-seater benches in European oak with a natural lacquer finish having upholstered seating and backs.

All benches have a book trough with a single quatrefoil hand-carved to the rear which mirrors the design in several of the stained glass windows. The combination of chairs and three-seater benches gives the maximum flexibility when rearranging for alternative services.

Knights' Chamber, Peterborough Cathedral

The newly restored 13th-century Knights' Chamber is part of the visitor and learning centre in the precincts to Peterborough Cathedral, opened by Professor David Starkey in September 2016. The Knights' Chamber is above the archway leading to the Bishop's Lodging and can be booked as a venue for an event or meeting.

Treske furnished the Knights' Chamber with three Arts and Crafts tables and 10 folding tables that can be stored in two specially constructed table storage cupboards. Seating is provided by 66 St Wilfrid chairs that were upholstered in leather. The chairs were fitted with brass plaques with sponsor's inscriptions. In addition to the tables and seating, a reading lectern was made, an AV storage cabinet and a rise and fall TV cabinet.

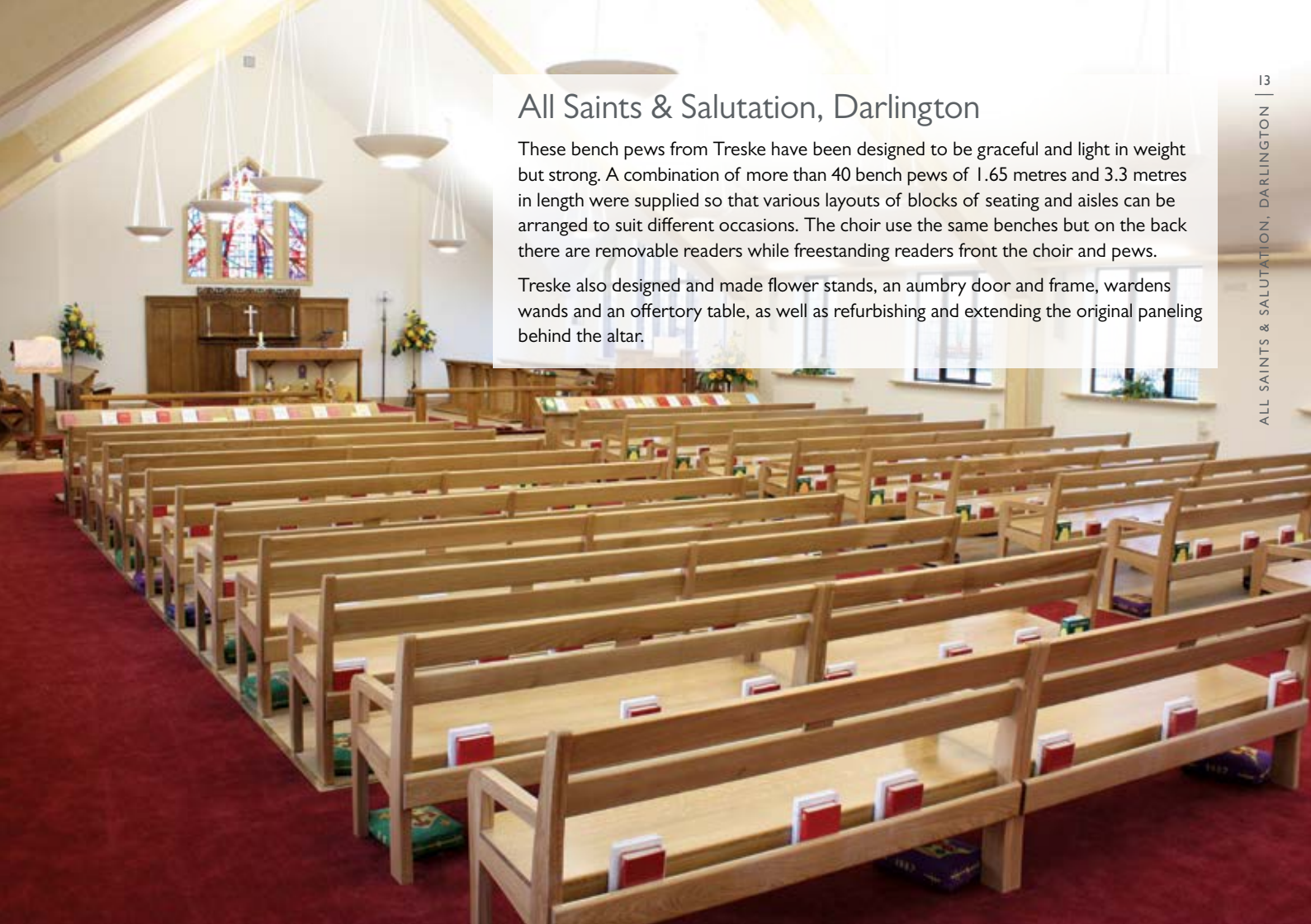




Holy Trinity, Prestwood

As part of a wide-ranging modernisation of the interior of this iconic 19th century church, near Great Missenden in Buckinghamshire, Treske designed and manufactured 36 oak stacking benches, 24 oak side chairs and 16 oak armchairs, together with a special altar table.

The stackable benches and chairs give the interior a flexible, light and airy feel. The specially designed altar table features an old piece of Portland limestone, reclaimed from the church steps, under which are housed some religious relics and a small time capsule.



All Saints & Salutation, Darlington

These bench pews from Treske have been designed to be graceful and light in weight but strong. A combination of more than 40 bench pews of 1.65 metres and 3.3 metres in length were supplied so that various layouts of blocks of seating and aisles can be arranged to suit different occasions. The choir use the same benches but on the back there are removable readers while freestanding readers front the choir and pews.

Treske also designed and made flower stands, an aumbry door and frame, wardens wands and an offertory table, as well as refurbishing and extending the original paneling behind the altar.

Bespoke Church Pews & Church Benches

Freestanding benches and pews which are easy to move into many configurations for different purposes are chosen by congregations who are taking out old pews or in preference to stacking or linked chairs.

Craftsman-made in responsibly sourced woods, either to unique contemporary designs or to reflect the style of any church setting, they can be upholstered and finished in a multitude of ways. Many of the benches reflect and match with the style of the bespoke Treske chairs and in many churches are used in conjunction with each other.

STACKING
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St Wilfrid Bench, Rush

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St Wilfrid Bench, Upholstered

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St Wilfrid Bench, Arm Version

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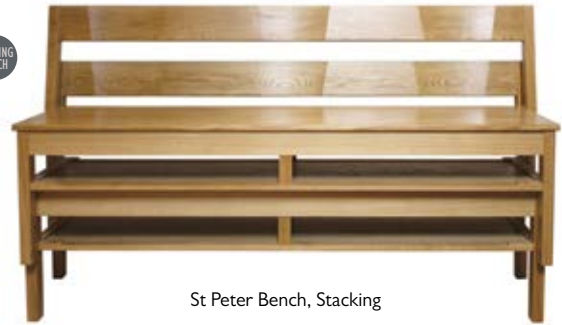
St Magnus Bench, Upholstered

STACKING BENCH



All Saints Bench, Upholstered

STACKING BENCH



St Peter Bench, Stacking



Alton Bench, Upholstered



Houghton Bench

STACKING BENCH



St Peter Bench, Wood

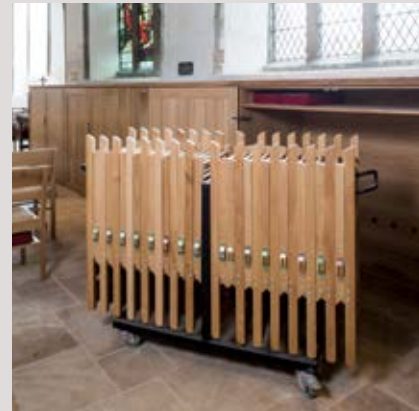


St Mary Bench, Wood

All Saints, Winterton

All Saints, Winterton is a beautiful, 11th-century North Lincolnshire Grade I-listed church which has seen a series of restorations from the mid-17th century onwards.

For the most recent restoration new furniture was designed, made and installed by Treske. This included nearly 220 side, arm and folding chairs, hymn book and parish room cabinets, including choir vestry cupboards and an historical wind instrument display, a specifically designed altar and a memorial book stand.









St Chad's, Headingley

RICHARD CROOKS PARTNERSHIP

Designs for a moveable altar table, ambo, credence table, chair and stool were inspired by the Victorian transept arches of St Chad's. Made in fumed oak which will darken with time, the furniture is clearly contemporary yet sympathetic to its setting. Two hundred and fifty oak chairs with book troughs were also commissioned, forty with arms.

The re-ordering of St Chad's involved Treske's craftsmen re-using elements of the 1917 pulpit to create a sound desk, remounting a figure of St Chad from the pulpit onto a nave column and reinstating old carved panels onto new choir frontals made by Treske and stained to match existing stalls.



Altars & Communion Tables

In the perceptions of those who serve or are served from them, altars and communion tables often become imbued with a sense of their symbolic significance. As such they must be objects of beauty, made to the highest possible standards of craftsmanship and be aesthetically integrated into the design or architectural style of the room or building in which they are placed.

St Mary's, Sanderstead
Taking inspiration from symbols of St Mary, the base of the altar takes the form of curved lily leaves.



Atrincham United Reform Church
Glass, beechwood and olive inlay altar with feature upholstered panels.



St Hilda's, Hartlepool
The altar, by Ron Simms Architect, has been designed in the style of a carpenter's bench.

St Andrew's, Corbridge

COLIN WILLIAMS DESIGN

A bespoke, contemporary altar designed by Colin Williams of CW Design, choir master of St Andrew's; Treske worked with him to realize his concept. The legs form a three-dimensional St Andrew's cross and support a two metre oval top, all in European oak. The top is held off the legs by steel rods making the oval appear to float above them. All the steel work is finished in a chemically darkened bronze. Under one set of feet are nylon rollers so that the altar can be easily moved.





St Alban's, Windy Nook
Movable and with dichroic glass imagery fused into glass panels, the design lead is from Holy Island.



St Peter's, Hale
Strong tapering gothic arches are used to create an uplifting and elegant altar design.



St Peter's, Farnborough
Altar designed, as part of a sanctuary ensemble, to complement the wire and ply design of the Howe 40/4 seating.



St Michael's, Framlingham
A contemporary design complements this historic Suffolk church's elegant late medieval architecture.



Wydale Hall, Diocese of York Conference and Retreat Centre
Altar, made in ash, with gold leaf set into the edge detail.



St James, Gerrards Cross
The altar reflects the Byzantine style of the church columns.



Oxford DAC, Church House, Diocese of Oxford
Bespoke altar design in oak for the chapel in the new offices of the Diocese of Oxford.





St Michael's, Framlingham

BERNARD MERRY DESIGNER, CAROE & PARTNERS

Chancel furniture for St Michael's, Framlingham comprising of a celebrant's chair, two side chairs, four low back chairs with shelves that extend from under the seats, an altar, lectern, portable lectern or legilium, credence table, processional candle stands and a Paschal candle stand, all in limed oak.

Although the designs were influenced by Arts and Crafts and Charles Rennie Mackintosh styles (Mackintosh lived for a while in nearby Walberswick) they also relate closely to their context. Designed by Bernard Merry, made by Treske, the complete ensemble, though utterly contemporary, complements the historic Suffolk church's unusually wide and long chancel and elegant late medieval architecture. The complete group, or elements of it, are regularly and easily moved to a side aisle for weekday services.



St James, Gerrards Cross
Part of the sanctuary furniture set using curves and oak panels to complement the Byzantine style church interior.



Leominster Priory
Radial seating and desks for groups of up to 16, set around an English cherry and sycamore altar.



Al Ain Crematorium, UAE
Simple, cool sanctuary furniture for this desert setting.



Leominster Priory
Traditional arched celebrant's chair with detailed moulding and carved motto taken from the church seal.

Clergy Chairs & Litany Desks

Clergy chairs and litany desks form part of the architecture of the sanctuary space and as such should be formal in character and have weight and presence whilst complementing the aesthetic and style of their setting. Great cathedrals, ancient chapels and modern churches have all commissioned Treske to design and make unique furniture which matches the special occasions of ritual and ceremony for which they are required.



St Mary's, Princes Risborough
Elegance accentuated by gothic curves, using the pilgrimage star cast in bronze as a central feature.



St Giles', Pontefract
Celebrant chairs in an Arts and Crafts style designed to link with congregation seating.



St Martin's, Rochdale
Oak celebrant's chair designed by Anthony Grimshaw Associates, with detail to echo existing church columns.



Bray Chantry, St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle

Sir Reginald Bray was a Knight of the Garter and close associate of Henry VII. He paid for the construction of the splendid Bray Chantry in St George's Chapel, Windsor which has undergone significant refurbishment in recent years as part of the multi-million pound restoration of St George's.

A key ingredient of the new-look chantry is the stunning church furniture, designed and manufactured by Treske in spalted beech and walnut. This furniture features the Bray badge in its design and includes an altar, credence table, chairs, coffin stools, kneelers, a display cabinet, St Nicholas folding chairs and, last but not least, ten carved Bray insignia.









St James, Gerrards Cross

When the architect Sir William Tite designed St James he worked in the Byzantine style, creating a light-filled handsome interior for the Grade 2 listed church built in 1859 on a cruciform plan with an octagonal dome.

In a recent refurbishment the pulpit and old pews were removed, revealing beautiful scagliola columns which, with the rounded Byzantine arches in the chancel and between the columns are the defining feature of the space. These architectural elements found their way into the new sanctuary furniture by Treske.

The celebrants' chairs have back panels supported by stainless steel rods set into the panel and frame. The readers have similar panels and shelves for kneeler or books whilst the feet of all the pieces have a carved fillet a few centimeters from the floor, a reference to nearby ornamented column bases.

To complement the newly uncluttered aesthetic of the church Treske modified their popular Ripon Cathedral St Wilfrid stacking chair, making two hundred and fifty chairs for the nave.

Lecterns & Pulpits

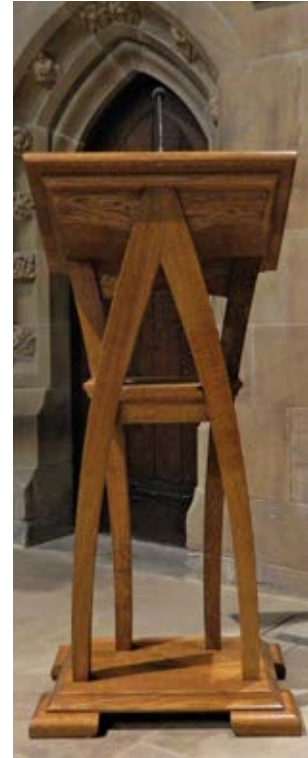
A lectern for a standing reader is an essential part of the furnishings of a church, chapel, assembly hall or lecture platform. It must be of an appropriate height or adjustable, strong, stable, and with sufficient desk space for large books. Every Treske lectern is the result of discussion with architects, clergy and congregations, so that each one also fits within its architectural context.



St Chad's, Headingley
A rising tapered base conceals a shelf and the support for the adjustable reader.



St Michael's, Framlingham
A set height, portable lectern made in limed oak.



St Bartholomew's, Wilmslow
Tapering gothic arches front the lectern, with opposing back legs supporting the fixed height reader.

St Martin's, Rochdale
Lectern with adjustable steel reader.

St Andrew's, Coulsdon
Graceful oak arches rising from a solid base
support the reader.



St Benet's Hall, Oxford University
Designed by Martin Stancliffe Architects
and made in limed oak.



Al Ain Crematorium, UAE
Box pulpit with reader and internal stool.





St Martin's, Rochdale

ANTHONY GRIMSHAW ASSOCIATES

An altar with 50mm thick solid top, celebrants' chairs, lectern, credence shelf, cross, candlesticks, hymn board, kneelers, aumbry and altar rails were all made in oak. Treske's successful handling of the combination of wood, stainless steel and glass, is evident in the fine detail of the graceful altar rail.



All Saints, Hale Barns

The movable altar rail uprights are made in steel with a patinated finish.



St Lawrence, Church Stretton

Removable stainless steel uprights support oak altar rails.

Altar Rails

Altar or communion rails must fulfil practical considerations and aesthetically complement the architecture, furnishings and decoration of the church. To do this they may be designed to be either freestanding, removable or fixed.

Such rails delineate the space in which the altar or communion table stands for the serving of communion to the congregation. In modern times it is more likely to signify a meeting place between clergy and people rather than, as was once the case, a barrier between them.



St Andrew's, Coulsdon

Freestanding altar rails in oak to match the other sanctuary furniture.



St Michaels, Houghton-le-Spring

JOHN NIVEN ARCHITECTS

Treske designed and made freestanding, four-seater pews which permits various liturgical layouts and a wide range of community events and activities. The handsome pews have been designed to be graceful and light in weight but with enough strength over a two metre span to seat four people comfortably.

The choir uses the same benches as the congregation, but on the back there are removable readers, while freestanding readers front the choir. They are complemented by freestanding choir stalls and an octagonal, pedestal style altar, also purpose designed and made in light oak by Treske.



Choir Stalls

Fixed choir stalls can limit the forms taken by contemporary worship and the wide range of musical and community events which take place in churches. The result is that many churches are now commissioning more flexible seating which is still capable of fulfilling the needs of choirs. Treske have made a number of handsome replacements, many with innovative technical features.



St Giles', Pontefract
Movable choir stalls with full privacy screen, reader and book shelf.



All Saints, Darlington
Stalls with privacy panels designed in the same style as the seating.



St Mary's, Princes Risborough
Choir stalls using arches with feature oak panels to support the readers.

St Martin-in-the-Fields

ERIC PARRY ARCHITECTS

St Martin-in-the-Fields in Trafalgar Square is a landmark church and one of the most visited churches in London. The church is a famous venue for social care, music and the arts, as well as worship.

As part of the St Martin renewal project Treske made new oak choir stalls and bench pews capable of seating the entire choir yet manoeuvrable and able to be raised up and down for performances and services. The hand-crafted furniture exactly matches the profiles and colour of the existing 18th-century furniture designed by the architect James Gibb in 1726.





All Saints, Winterton
Choir vestry cupboard in oak.

Vestries & Cupboards

Storage for all the items required regularly for services and events by clergy, choirs and staff is crucial to the smooth and efficient performance of their duties. Every church presents different needs and challenges and Treske's designers and craftsmen have risen to them.

Whilst regarding the integrity of historic fabric as paramount, they have been able to make and fit cupboards that match existing furniture and design and make new shelving or fittings where required, always after detailed discussions with church architects, Diocesan authorities, clergy and congregations.



St Andrew's, Epworth
Storage cupboard doubling as Lady Chapel altar and memorial bookstand, also covering a heating manifold.



St Andrew's, Epworth
Church servery with fitted appliances and boiling water tap.

Serveries & Receptions

In modern times churches have increasingly become the focus for social and community life and they also attract visitors interested in their architecture and history, necessitating the provision of more sophisticated catering facilities than has hitherto been the case.

Whether such provision has been required within the ancient fabric of heritage buildings or in brand new visitor facilities, Treske have provided practical, durable and beautiful solutions in finely crafted hardwoods.



St Peter's, Farnborough
Servery and storage area, set below a balcony, with integral book trolley.



St Hilda's, Hartlepool
Limed oak and panelled kitchen area.



St John's, Brandon, Co. Durham
Glazed internal porch with etched glass feature panels at low level.

Church Doors, Screens, Specialist Joinery & Panelling

Treske's skilled craftsmen and cabinet makers are experienced in making doors, screens and panelling for any situation. In historic buildings they work with conservation architects to preserve the integrity of ancient fabric whilst fitting new doors, glazed porches, cupboards and panelling. They are often required to match exactly the style, colour and even aged look of existing woodwork.



St Peter's, Wolviston
Full length, glazed panel exterior door.



St Hilda's, Hartlepool
Internal doors, a WC and boiler housing built within the west tower.



All Saints & Salutation, Darlington
New panelling alongside converted panelling from the original church.



St Nicholas, Radford Semele
Caroe & Partners glazed folding door screen and arch above.

Hymn Book Storage

Storage of hymn books has to be easily accessible; in some situations movable, in others fixed. Trolleys and shelves need to accommodate the maximum number of books whilst taking up a minimum of space.

Woods can be chosen and designs made to match existing furnishings or reflect a more contemporary taste.



St Deiniol's Library Chapel, Hawarden
Hymn book shelf styled to fit with the chapel's architectural design.



St Hilda's, Hartlepool
Movable display stand and hymn book trolley in fumed and limed oak.



St Andrew's, Epworth
Welcome desk incorporating book storage.



Bespoke Plaques & Hardwood Carving

As part of our bespoke service we can personalise any piece of church furniture with a carved inscription, motif or symbol. Such additions can record some reference to a church's unique history, or simply embellish with a significant motif the lovely woods used. If not wood then brass memorial plaques can be commissioned and fitted to furniture. We listen, consult and then offer designs for discussion before a final choice is made.

Memorials, Display Cases & Cabinets

The display of precious and historic objects requires specialised, custom-made cabinets, cases and cupboards. Treske collaborate with architects, historians, archivists, conservation experts and clergy to guarantee that conservation, security and access are addressed as equally important factors in their design and construction.



St Hilda's, Hartlepool

A secure tablet box for the display of the ancient Hartlepool stone with its runic inscription to a Saxon nun named Hildithryth.



St Clement Danes, London

Additional stained oak display cases for the RAF memorial chapel.

All Saints, Winterton

Cabinets for display of early musical instruments and visitor interpretation panels, with storage cupboards below.



St Andrew's, Headington
A new font lid with carved fish and net circling a crown motif.



St Alban's, Windy Nook
Oak font with turned oak cover, set over dichroic glass bowl (detail below).



St Barnabus, Linthorpe
Designed by Ferry & Mennim Architects, made in steel and oak, with detailed carving.



Church Fonts

In early days fonts were large enough to allow adults to stand and be immersed in them. Early fonts did not have covers but from 1236 fonts were covered and locked so that holy water could not be stolen. The modern font is usually much smaller, portable and designed to fit with other furniture within the church.

St George's, Stockport
Spun brass silver-plated bowl cupped by oak stand.



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