

# PUDSEY ST LAWRENCE

## Case Study

### SUMMARY OF WORKS

- Full scale removal of pews and replacement chairs
- New glazed accessible entrance doors
- New toilets and kitchen
- New first floor meeting room
- New heating, lighting and audio visual works



Nave prior to works

Pudsey Parish Church was one of the first round of Commissioners Churches, built in 1821 to a design by architect Thomas Taylor. It is a large church built in the gothic revival style with a tower and a nave with clerestory windows. Internally the church has galleries running on three sides of the nave with carved fronts dating from c1922. The shallow sanctuary contains a five light transomed window.



Nave after works facing east

The PCC wanted to make their church a more welcoming space for the community by providing kitchen and toilet facilities as well as a an area for meeting visitors to the church. The main doorway was dark and created an uninviting entrance to the church. They had a number of families who attended the church but didn't have anywhere where the children's groups could meet. There was a need for youth provision in the local community but the church didn't have suitable accommodation to reach this need.



Nave after works facing west

The reordering of the interior and the creation of meeting rooms made a large difference to the congregation, not only in providing a welcoming open aspect to the church building but also in their ability to offer meeting space for the local community; run events and groups; and to provide space for children and youth in the church. They are now better equipped to reach out and meet the needs of the local community.