



St Columba Gaelic Church
300 St Vincent Street
Glasgow
G2 5RU



Property

Historic A-listed Gothic style church located towards the western end of St Vincent Street within the Blythswood district of Glasgow City Centre. The substantial building was completed in 1904 and has a 200ft spire, adjoining halls and raised ground floor one-bedroom church officers flat.

Offering a once in a lifetime purchase opportunity in a wonderful city centre location, the property retains many of its spectacular original features and presents a beautiful church interior. The historic and spectacular German 3-manual Walcker organ (<https://www.highlandcathedral.org.uk/organ>) will remain.

Surrounded by modern offices, the church sits on fully developed site of 0.80 acres or thereby and is of great historical interest and would present an incredible space for the right buyer.

The church is set in highly connected city centre location with bus, rail and motorway connections in close proximity. Retail and leisure facilities are available on Sauchiehall Street and other adjoining streets.

History

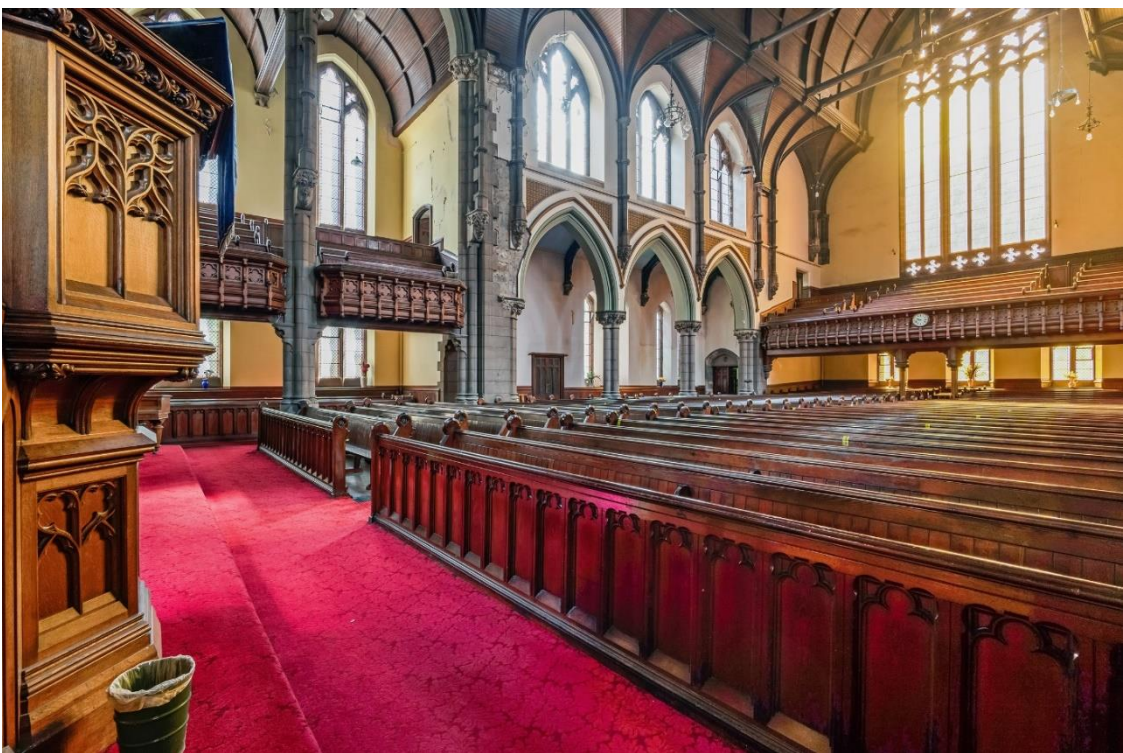
The Hope Street Church of St Columba (1839) – was built for the Gaelic speaking community which had formed following the mass migration of people from the Highlands and Islands to Glasgow in the first half of the 19th century. This church was demolished in 1900 to make way for an extension to Glasgow Central Railway Station. Compensation from the railway company was used to construct the new Gaelic Church of St Columba at 300 St Vincent Street. The Highland News noted that the proposed new church would accommodate over one thousand people.

The design competition was won by William Tennant and Fred V Burke of Glasgow, with other designs by Glasgow architects such as Andrew Balfour and David Barclay proving unsuccessful. The memorial stone was laid in 1902, and the building was completed in 1904.

The size and lavish detailing have led it to being affectionately known as the ‘Highland Cathedral’ or sometimes the ‘Gaelic Cathedral’. In 2011 the Gaelic Church on Gardner Street, Glasgow was dissolved, leaving Eaglais Ghàidhlig Chaluim Cille / St Columba’s Gaelic Church the only church in Glasgow to continue to hold a Gaelic language service on Sunday mornings.







Accommodation

The principal accommodation comprises:

Lower Ground Floor: Lower hall, Session room, meeting room, kitchen, ladies & gents toilets, vestry & WC.

Upper Ground Floor: Sanctuary with transept and rear galleries, meeting room and WC.

Upper Level: Upper hall.

Officers Flat (entered from West George Lane): Lounge, bedroom, bathroom & dining kitchen.

Gross Internal Floor Area: Church: 1247.58 sqm Flat: 53 sqm

Grounds

There is a small strip of ground within the boundary to the front and east side of the building.

Services

EPC Rating- G

The building is connected to mains supply of water, gas, electricity and drainage.

Fixtures and Fittings

The sellers reserve the right to remove ecclesiastical fittings and fixtures within the building. The sellers will take reasonable care in the removal of these items but will not be liable to reinstate any damage caused. The following items will not be included in the sale: Oak Chairs, Font, Wooden Octagonal Font, Pulpit Fall, Communion Table, 19th Century Table, Lectern and Burdett Piano London. The following items belong to the Highlanders' Institute and are not included: 45 clan crests, 6 regimental colours & associated emblems all in oak and oak tables and chairs.



Planning

The church is A-listed and falls within Class 10 of the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) (Scotland) Order, and in addition to its current use, could be used, without the necessity of obtaining change of use consent, as a crèche, day nursery, day centre, educational establishment, museum, art gallery or public library.

There is also potential for a variety of other uses, such as a theatre, cinema or entertainment venue, hospitality and restaurant, retail space or community resource subject to obtaining appropriate consents.

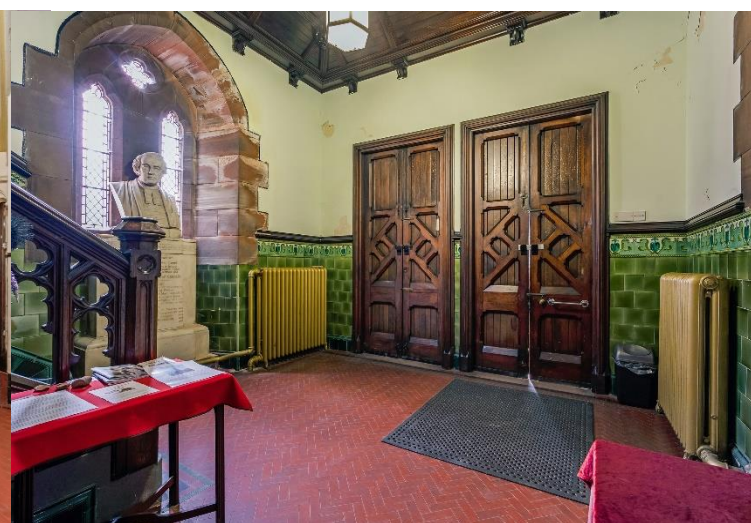
Planning policy for St Vincent Street is contained within the City Development Plan first adopted in March 2017. The plan confirms the property is situated within the city centre area, although outwith the principal retail and commercial centre.

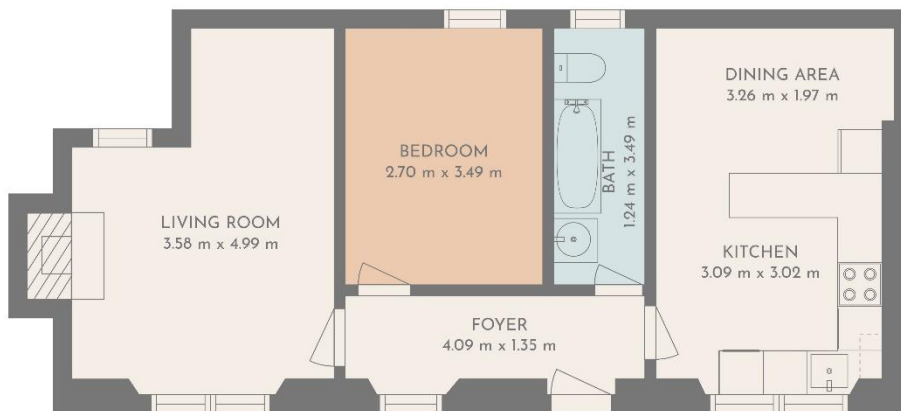
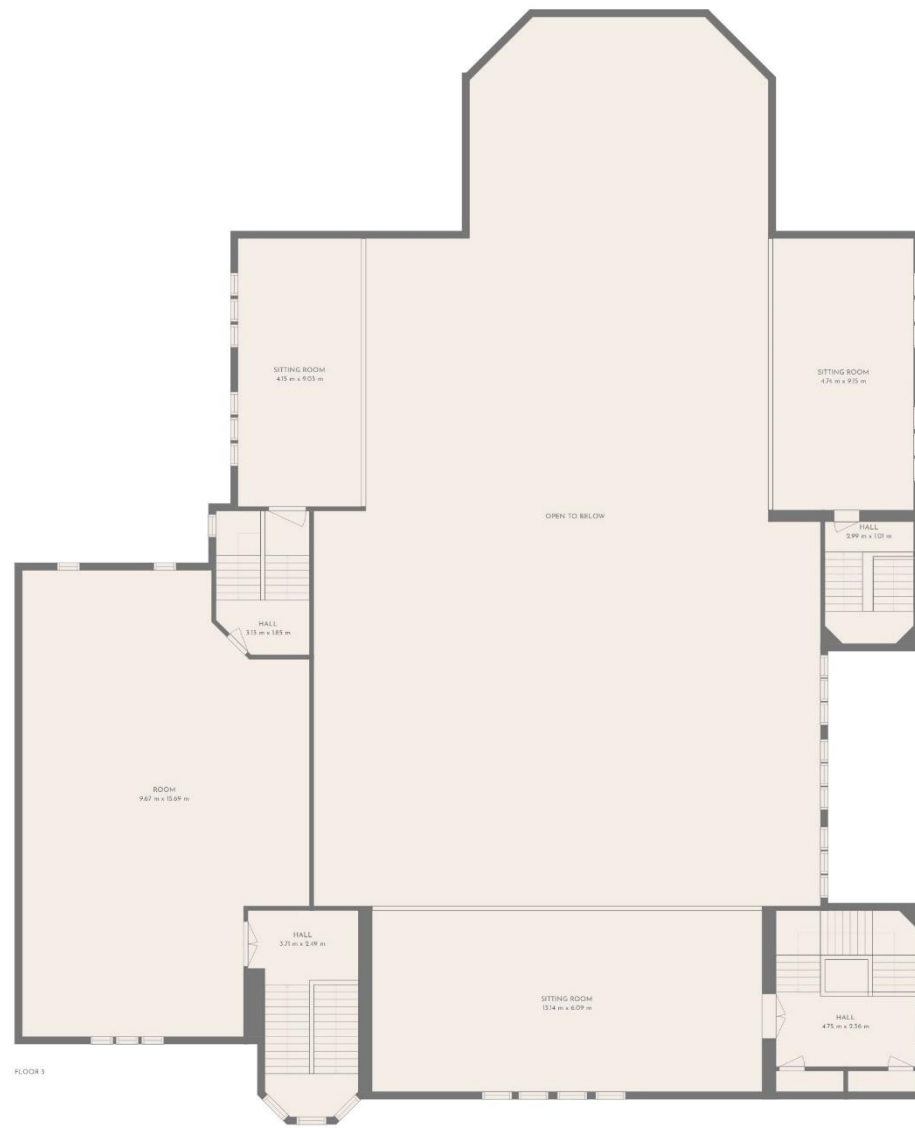
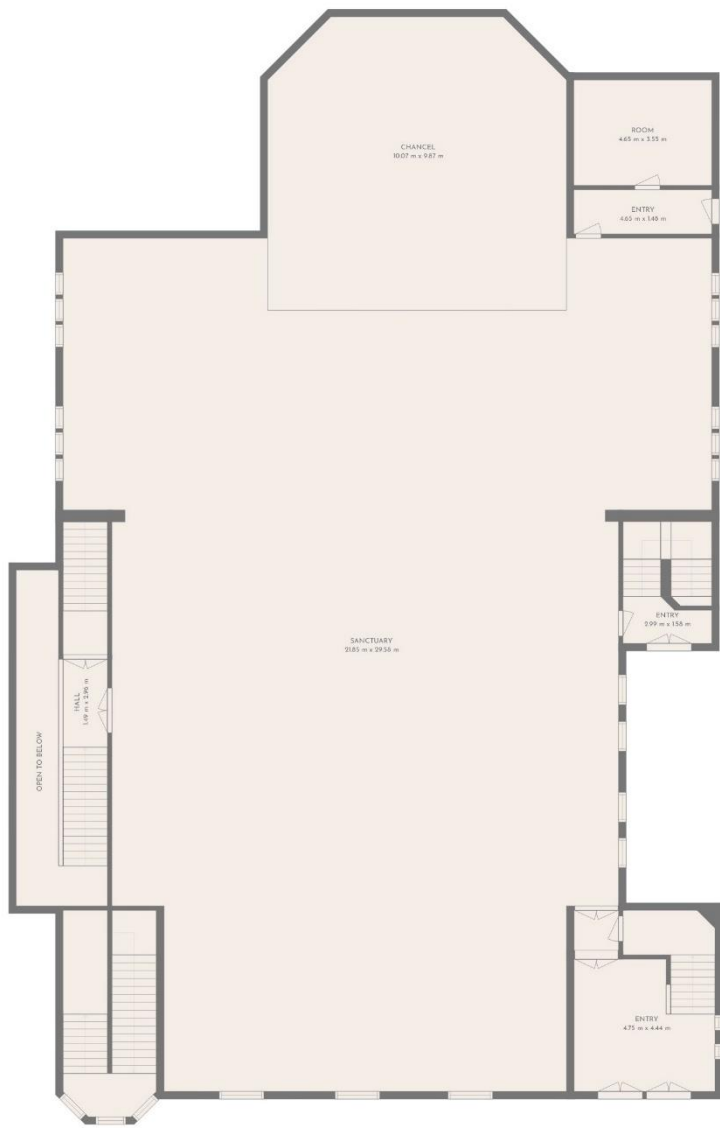
Local Area

Located on St Vincent Street in Blythswood Hill, an area of Glasgow city Centre which has benefited from significant redevelopment over the years and provides easy access to both the Financial Services District and nearby Finnieston. This location offers great transport and road links, the nearby Q-Park Waterloo Street multi storey carpark is only a few minutes' walk (0.1 mile) and there are a range of cafés and supermarkets on nearby Bothwell Street.

The Church is within walking distance of a wide and varied range of amenities as one would expect within a major City, shopping at all levels, restaurants, bars, cinemas and theatres in addition to excellent public road and rail transport, nearby access to the motorway network.







Viewing Arrangements

By appointment with The Church of Scotland Law Department: properties@churchofscotland.org.uk

Offers

Offers are invited and should be submitted in writing, through a Scottish solicitor. Please can offers be sent via email in the first instance.

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It is possible that a closing date for offers will be fixed and, to ensure that they receive intimation of this, prospective purchasers must formally intimate their interest, via a Scottish solicitor, in writing or by Email with the Law Department.

As offers will require to be considered by one or more Church Committees, they should not be subject to short time limits for acceptance.

The sellers do not bind themselves to accept the highest or any of the offers they receive.

Whilst the foregoing particulars are believed to be correct they are not warranted on the part of the sellers and prospective purchasers will require to satisfy themselves with regards to all matters prior to offers.

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