



The Glass Church Appeal  
St. Matthew's Jersey

Restoring a Masterpiece

# The Glass Church

Originally dedicated in 1840, The Church of St. Matthew in the Parish of St. Lawrence, Jersey, is, in its present form, the result of an extraordinary commission given in 1934 by Florence, Lady Trent in memory of her husband Jesse Boot, the first Lord Trent, founder of Boots the Chemist.

The inspired combination of glass designed by René Lalique (1860-1945), the famous French jeweller and glassmaker and the talents of Jersey architect A.B. Grayson has resulted in this unique and beautiful place of worship. The thrilling 'Glass Church' can be seen as the outstanding achievement of one of the most successful art nouveau designers.

The extraordinary interior with Lalique's unique font, the moulded glass windows, the splendid cross, the frosted glass communion table and the reredos in the Lady Chapel, in the form of four angels, all resonate with those symbols of purity, the Jersey and Madonna Lilies. The innovative use of lighting, the shagreen floor, and the Bath and Portland stone contribute to the serene atmosphere of this moving place of worship.

## The Appeal

'The Friends of the Glass Church' has been established under the patronage of Lieutenant General Andrew Ridgway CB, CBE., His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor of Jersey, to raise funds for the restoration of the uniquely important and world-renowned building to ensure its long-term future. This will be the initial phase in the creation of a local and international centre of worship and healing at St. Matthew's Church.

'None of Lalique's achievements is more inventive and beautiful than the miraculous transformation of St. Matthew's Church'

David Watkin, Professor of the History of Architecture,  
University of Cambridge



The sum of one million pounds needs to be raised to:

Conserve the Lalique Glass  
Conserve the shagreen floor in the vestry  
Stabilise the building  
Replace the roof  
Restore the bells  
Electrical repairs  
Modernise the lighting  
Internal redecoration  
Landscape the surroundings

## How you can help:

We need benefactors and friends

Become a benefactor:

- with a minimum donation of £5000
- OR
- a substantial donation for a specific item of restoration

Become a friend:

- with a minimum donation of £100 pa for a period of five years

The role of benefactors will be fully acknowledged. As a benefactor or friend, you will receive regular updates on the progress of works, invitations to annual Friends events and a special St. Matthew's Day service.

Thank you for your help.



You are very welcome to visit the church, to see the glass or just to linger and enjoy the serenity of the unique surroundings.

Opening Times:

Monday to Friday 10.00 to 18.00

The Glass Café

Thursdays 10.00 to 16.00

We would be very pleased to see you and your family at our weekly service, every Sunday at 11.00.

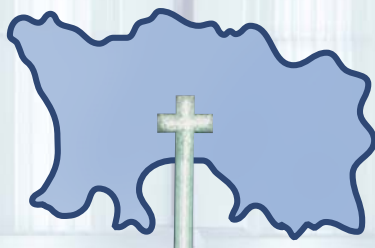
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‘The whole complex deserves to be preserved intact as a precious icon by one of the best loved designers of the first half of the 20th century’

(David Watkin, Professor of the History of Architecture, University of Cambridge)

# Benefactors and Friends of the Glass Church Membership Application form

Name.....

Address.....

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Post Code.....

Telephone number.....

Email.....

Please tick one or both of the following options and then tear off and return this slip to the address on the rear of this brochure:

a. I would like to become a friend for a period of five years; please send me a standing order form to the above address.

b. I would like to become a benefactor and make a one-off substantial donation of £..... (in words..... pounds) towards the repair and maintenance of the Glass Church in general. I enclose a cheque made payable to St. Matthew's The Friends of the Glass Church.

Signed.....

Name in Block Letters.....

Date...../...../200.....

The Friends of the Glass Church is a charity for taxation purposes.