



Stonegrove Church and Community Centre

Combined Church, Community Centre and nursery as part of the Stonegrove development

Lying at the heart of Sprunt's £300m masterplan for 1,000 new homes around the new London Academy in Barnet, the recently completed church and Community centre provides a vibrant focus for the new community.

The challenge was to bring together the Church group, the community trust and the new nursery to create a space that each felt was their own within a multi-functional building. The design involved an 'umbrella' roof over three distinct zones, with a central spine and café binding the spaces together. From the outside, the different programmes are read through two distinctive materials. The Church zones are clad in a gabion structure of stone, more often used as retaining walls but in this case used as a building material to give weight to the structure and the feeling that it has been born out of the earth. The community element is clad with an innovative Fibreline composite from Scandinavia, more often used for

building wind turbines. It is only the second time that this material has been used for a building on the UK, the first being used on Sprunt's pavilion at Southend, although it has recently used for the 2016 Serpentine pavilion. Extensive landscaping for both play and contemplation complementing the building and ensure it links seamlessly with the surrounding public realm.

The building of the Church community centre encapsulates Sprunt's approach to design. From developing the initial brief with the community, to the forward thinking approach to materials to reflect their aspirations, the challenge to create an adaptable facility that meets the needs of the community both physically and emotionally has been successfully achieved. And by helping set up the Stonegrove Community Trust we have ensured that the project will be properly managed and adapt and endure.

Location:
LB Barnet

Client:
Diocese of London/London Borough Barnet

Project:
Combined Church, Community Centre and nursery

Value:
£4.5m

Status:
Complete 2016

“The new combined Church and Community Centre is the centerpiece of the 1000 home regeneration of the Stonegrove Estate.”