



Dimplex adds warmth for worship

A Dimplex air curtain above a draughty north facing doorway is helping to create a warmer and more welcoming atmosphere for parishioners in an historic Cirencester church.

Completed in 1851 at a cost of £5,000, the gothic revival-style church has all the traditional heating challenges presented by its classic design; high boarded roofs with no insulation, beautiful single glazed stained glass windows as well as a draught from the bell tower. And this, together with the north facing main entrance, can make it a cold and draughty place which deters some parishioners from attending the services.

It was parishioner and retired architect Terry Hopegood who researched a series of options and worked with electrical contractor Tim Herbert to help create a warmer environment for worship while longer term plans and budgets for upgrading the overall comfort are being developed.

As well as finding the entrance heating solution, it was equally important to minimise any intrusion on the architectural integrity of the building, explained Terry Hopegood.

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Client

Cirencester Church

Products

Dimplex air curtain

Partners

Tim Herbert

"It's a beautiful church and we wanted to avoid having any unnecessary cabling, visually intrusive heaters and of course wished to avoid damage to the fabric of the building itself for practical and aesthetic reasons," he said.

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The carefully planned installation also involved concealing the three phase cabling which runs through a hole drilled in the 750mm thick wall behind the air curtain which is now concealed in the porch roof. It runs neatly down the wall angle on the exterior of the church and it is then concealed below ground, eventually connecting to the consumer unit in the vestry.

"Obviously you can see the unit on the Gothic arch above the doorway but we've added some careful infilling with matching coloured spandrel panels below so the intrusion is minimal and no-one really notices it. Not only that, it's quite quiet so we can leave it running if need be while a service is taking place. But most importantly, people remark on how much warmer it feels when they walk in, so it really does do its job," added Mr Hopegood.

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