

St Simon and St Jude, Ulshaw Bridge

Thornton Steward, Ulshaw Bridge, Middleham, North Yorkshire



Part 1: Core data

1.1 Listed grade: *II*

1.2 Conservation area: *Yes*

1.2 Architect: *Joseph Hansom*

1.4 Date(s): *1868*

1.5 Date of visit: *5 February 2008*

1.6 Name of report author: *Neil Burton*

1.7 Name of parish priest and/or contact(s) made on site: *Rev Patrick O'Neill*

1.8 Associated buildings: *former presbytery attached*

1.9 Bibliographic references:

Carson, R.: *A History of Diocese of Middlesbrough*, 1978

Pevsner, N.: *Yorkshire: The North Riding*, 1966

Part 2: Analysis

2.1 Statement of Importance

A very picturesque small mid-19th century chapel built in neo-Romanesque style for the Scrope family of Danby Hall, many of whom are buried in the vault beneath the building. The present building may incorporate elements of an earlier chapel on the site. Joseph Hansom, the architect, also worked for the Scropes at Danby Hall. The octagonal tower is a local landmark, and the church has good group value with the adjoining (earlier) former presbytery.

2.2 Historical background

There was a chapel at Ulshaw Bridge as early as 1733, which may have been on the site of the present building, since a plaque in the church records both 17th century and 18th century interments in the crypt of members of the Scrope family. Pevsner notes the existence of a chapel on the site in 1859, which was presumably rebuilt by Hansom in 1868.

2.3 Setting

The church stands in a relative isolated position on the north bank of the River Ure near the handsome 17th century Ulshaw Bridge.

2.4 Description of the building and its principal fittings and furnishings

See list description below. The building incorporates parts of an earlier chapel, in particular the crypt which contains the remains of various members of the Scrope family, who are commemorated in a handsome memorial plaque in the sanctuary. The chapel is attached to the rear of a substantial late 17th century house (remodelled in the early-19th century), formerly the presbytery.

2.5 List description:

Building Details:

Building Name:

CHURCH OF ST
SIMON AND ST
JUDE

Parish:

THORNTON
STEWARD

District:

RICHMONDSHIRE

County:

NORTH
YORKSHIRE

Postcode:

Details:

LBS Number: 321743

Grade: II

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SE 18 NW THORNTON STEWARD ULSHAW

Church of St Simon and
3/134 St Jude

GV II

Roman Catholic Chapel. Dated 'S. T. S. 1868' above door. For Simon Thomas Scrope of Danby Hall. Coursed rubble with ashlar dressings, stone slate roof. Irregular cruciform plan. Quoins. Openings have depressed round-arched heads. Doorway in south-east angle. North window of 3 lights. Above western arm an octagonal tower and belfry with paired openings with stiff-leaf capitals, decorative tile roof.

Interior: liturgical east to the geographic north. Below the church, an older crypt, the burial place of the Scropes of Danby. Attached to north of Presbytery. The tower is a notable feature in the landscape.

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