

## St Stephen, Hull

*Annandale Road, Greatfield, Hull, East Yorkshire*



### **Part 1: Core data**

1.1 Listed grade: *Not listed*

1.2 Conservation area: *No*

1.3 Architect: *Not established*

1.4 Date(s): *1966*

1.5 Date of visit: *10 October 2007*

1.6 Name of report author: *Nicholas Antram*

1.7 Name of parish priest and/or contact(s) made on site: *Sister Josephine Bulger*

1.8 Associated buildings: *Presbytery, hall and community buildings*

1.9 Bibliographic references:

*Middlesbrough Diocesan Yearbook 2007*

Carson, Robert: *The First 100 Years – A History of the Diocese of Middlesbrough 1878-1978*

## **Part 2: Analysis**

### **2.1 Statement of Importance**

***Built as a utilitarian hall that could in part be used as a church. Subsequent alterations have made an attractive neighbourhood centre but the complex is of no architectural significance.***

### **2.2 Historical background**

St Stephen's was created in 1966 from the parish of St Bede to serve the growing housing estates of Greatfield on the eastern edge of Hull. It was built as a combined church and hall, with the intention that a future church would be built to the north.

### **2.3 Setting**

The Greatfield estate is typical of the poorer Post-War housing estates of the city. The church and associated buildings are set to one side of a large plot bounded by Annandale Road, Stonebridge Avenue and Uxbridge Grove.

### **2.4 Description of the building and its principal fittings and furnishings**

The church is a utilitarian structure, a concrete portal frame with brick cladding and concrete tiled roof. A band of high-level windows light the interior, the east aspect alone has a remotely ecclesiastical character, with a cross on the wall and a pointed arch to the window above. The north side has a cheerful painted mural announcing St Stephen's Neighbourhood Centre and acknowledging support from The Big Lottery Fund.

The majority of the building internally comprises the hall with the two easternmost bays screened off as the church (though the screen can be opened when a larger space is needed). The church was re-opened on 5 October 2007 on the completion of repairs following flood damage earlier in the year. The floor and seating are all new. On the east wall a recent copy of the St Damiano Cross, the original of which hangs in the church of St Clare in Assisi. The church is now entered from a corridor created along the south side of the church in 2002 by Michael Coyle of Knight & Lowe, architects of Beverley. This corridor forms a kind of cloister to a garden to the south.