



## St. John's Church, Wigan Sanctuary Furniture

The design and manufacture of the altar, lectern, credence table and the celebrants' chairs were part of a large repair, refurbishment and re-ordering scheme for the church.

Made from limed English oak, lines of gold glass mosaic pieces were inlaid into recessed grooves to create a rich effect. As the design of the Grinshill stone altar was based on the idea of a 'rock' riven on it's front face to create the cross, this imagery was then fed through into the timber sanctuary furniture. It can be read symbolically as the rending of the Veil of the Temple, the parting of the Red Sea or the bringing together of parts to make a whole. Whilst the designs are modern in conception, the splayed and curvilinear forms were inspired by the classical forms in the existing sanctuary area.

Furniture made by: Clem Turton Ltd, Wigan.