

# ENGLISH HERITAGE REVIEW OF DIOCESAN CHURCHES 2005 (EXTRACT)

## St Michael, Ashtead

The Marld, Ashtead, Surrey KT21 1RS



### HISTORIC IMPORTANCE OF CHURCH

ARCHITECT(S): Peter French

DATE(S): 1967

LISTED STATUS: Not listed, and not thought worthy of listing.

IN CONSERVATION AREA: No

LIST DESCRIPTION: N/A

POSSIBLE AMENDMENTS TO LIST DESCRIPTION & ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: N/A

HISTORY AND BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF CHURCH IF NOT LISTED: St Michael's Church was designed by a local architect, Peter French, and

completed in 1967. The Priest's House, immediately behind the church, was built at the same time.

The church is polygonal on plan, built of brick, with a glazed narthex and projecting canopy sheltering the entrance. Inside the ceiling and walls of the worship area are of panelled wood, there are wooden benches and a parquet floor. The clerestory which runs all round the church is bisected, to the east, by an image made in stained glass representing the Crucifixion. The glass in the Lady Chapel was painted by two young parishioners. The building stands among trees and gardens in a leafy suburban setting.

SOURCES: *An Outline History of the Parish of St Michael, Ashted, Surrey* (church leaflet).

### **STATEMENT OF IMPORTANCE**

St Michael's Church is not a building of any great architectural quality. Nonetheless, with its wood-panelled, centrally planned and light interior, it is a warm and welcoming building, and is well liked by those who worship there.