

Artarmon Uniting Church

Corner Artarmon and Tindale Roads, Artarmon



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History

Plans to build a Presbyterian Church in Artarmon began in early 1922. The site was acquired in 1925 and the foundation stone was laid on October 10, 1925. The church was dedicated and opened in March 1926. The foundation stone for the school hall was laid in 1932 and the addition which joined the hall to the church, was built in 1956.

In 1976 the church became part of the Uniting Church. The church's membership contracted over a long period of time and the church closed in 2000. The last Uniting Church service was held on Sunday, 26 November 2000. Congregants now attend the Chatswood South Uniting Church on the Pacific Highway.

The church is still used for services by the Christian Assembly and the hall is rented by a number of organisations.

No decision has yet been made about the ultimate future of the church or the hall. Many of the memorials were donated to the church over the years and donor families have been asked if they would like their donations returned.

Stained glass window, North –

At the time the Artarmon Church was under construction, Scots Church in Sydney was being demolished to make way for the

southern approaches to the Sydney Harbour Bridge. The stained glass window, which had been installed in Scots Church in 1826, was removed, and installed at the northern end of the Artarmon church.

Stained glass window, East -

This beautiful stained glass window, a memorial to Mrs Hilda Crawford from her husband and son, was installed in the late 1930s.

Font - Reverend E Ferguson donated the sandstone font, which was from the original St Stephen's Church, corner Phillip Street and Martin Place, Sydney. In the early 1930s city planners wanted a clear view from George Street, up Martin Place to Macquarie Street and because the church blocked the view, it was demolished. St Stephen's was re-built in 1935 in Macquarie Street on the site of Burdekin House.

Pews - These theatre seats were from the Lyceum Theatre and date from the early part of the 20th century. The Lyceum closed in 1988 and the seats were relocated to the Artarmon Uniting Church.

Manse - The manse at 3 Muttama Road was purchased in 1927.