

## Stroud Town Council Local Heritage Asset List

<b>Union Street, The Baptist Hall, GL5 2HE</b>	
<b>Historic building</b>	<b>Conservation Area: Stroud Town Centre</b>
<b>Church hall</b>	<b>List entry number SLHA0037</b>



### Description

Built in 1900 as a Baptist Sunday School by V. A. Lawson, this is a large double-height hall made of red machine-finished brick. It is owned by the Stroud Baptist chapel (located in John Street). The entrance is to the side.

The hall's symmetrical arched stone windows contain mottled coloured glass on the street frontage. There are four date stones on the front wall, inscribed 'Laid by xxxx, 1900'. Decorated cast iron air vent grilles are set in the lower front wall.

The interior contains wood panelling, decorative maroon-coloured architraves (in the shape of a cross) and ornate balustrading on the balcony, which seem to be original.

Source:

Pevsner guide to the Cotswolds (*The Buildings of England, Gloucestershire 1: The Cotswolds* by David Verey and Alan Brooks)

<b>Selection Criteria</b>	
<b>Age</b>	<b>An impressive late Victorian building</b>

<b>Rarity</b>	<b>Exterior seems unaltered since construction; interior largely untouched with original Victorian features</b>
<b>Architectural and aesthetic value</b>	<b>A large, imposing, red brick, late Victorian building with original windows and exterior features. The interior, too, seems well preserved. Its architect, Vincent Alexander Lawson, was influenced by the Arts and Crafts movement, and also designed a number of buildings in Cirencester as well as Hill Paul in Stroud</b>
<b>Social and communal value</b>	<b>Built as a Sunday School and now used by Stroud's Baptist chapel for their own events</b>
<b>Degree of completeness</b>	<b>The exterior appears unaltered; the interior has original features</b>
<b>Date of inclusion</b>	<b>June 2017</b>

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