

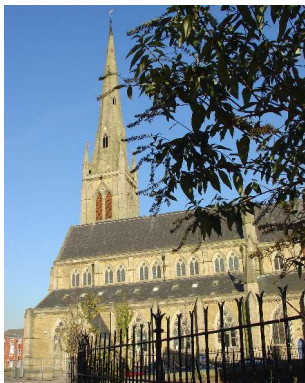
NEW PROVAN & MAKIN HOMES CONSERVES GRADE II* LISTED CHURCH



Above: The futuristic three story homes clad with cedar and copper line the central aisle.



Above: Lounge area with three story gallery



Above Left: The Grade II* exterior is fully refurbished. Above Right: One of the wet-room bathrooms



Walking into the newly converted St. Mary's Church in Hulme you are immediately transported into a futuristic world and yet you are inside the Grade II* listed structure of the original church. Renowned Manchester Architects and Conservation specialists Provan and Makin have just completed the first phase of apartments for their client Vibe Developments and their award winning design really does blow you away.

Forget any ideas you previously had about church conversions, this phase of development has 9 apartments and is way different from any of your expectations; for a start the space has not been carved up horizontally, instead vertical multi-storey homes have been created between each of the original grand arches.

" Our approach to the conversion was to retain the volume of the central aisle. The new residential units have been conceived as multi story town houses slotted through the arches into the side aisles like large 'pods' clad in cedar and copper.." said Ashley Hunt, Architect and director of Provan and Makin.

Ashley continues..." The last thing we wanted to do was decimate this beautiful building by bricking up archways, installing false ceilings or splitting the magnificent windows. This design works with the existing structure to provide an innovative solution to an age old problem."

On entering each home you get an amazing feeling of light and space as the fabulous church window is the central feature, with upper floors creating 3-storey gallery effect. They really have the wow factor and have been extremely popular with buyers.

The design which already won the Manchester Society of Architect's 'Conservation & Re-use' Award in 2005 for Provan and Makin is a great example of how new and inventive ideas can transform previously neglected listed buildings into beautiful homes for future generations to enjoy.

