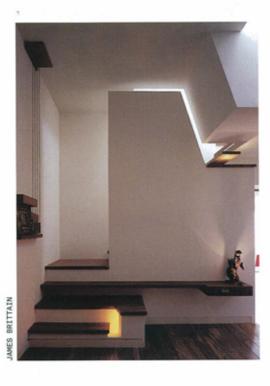




DESTINY CHURCH Architect: NORD Architecture Cost: £50,000

The 1970s extension to the Grade B-Listed Shawlands Old Parish Church in Glasgow has been refurbished internally and externally. The architect used the limited budget 'to re-line the spaces rather than entirely refurbish them'. Oak panels were added as a discrete layer allowing the existing space to be clearly read against the new insertions. Black-cement cladding panels wrap the exterior, blocking off all windows. This allows the internal hall to function as a black-box environment for television production use, as requested by the client. Heavily insulated walls alleviate heat-loss problems through the extensive single-glazed windows. A strategy was developed to define the entrance and circulation, creating a new illuminated entranceway, which clearly identifies the primary access to the church.



THE COURTYARD, LONDON SW6 Architect: Simon Gill Architects Cost: £105,000

A 1990s live/work unit has been reconfigured both horizontally and vertically. The interior is allowed to flow throughout the ground floor and up through a sculpted void to first-floor level. The more private spaces on the first floor are detached from the ground floor by a rupture at the top of the stairs. In places the wood floor continues up walls and on to ceilings to create more intimate areas for dining and lounging. The project attempts to reverse the Modernist strategy of creating a reductive, functional diagram of domestic existence, with any decoration neutralised to conform to the overall aesthetic. The design springs from the personal effects of the inhabitants and the particular details of their lives. For example, a regularly used bottle has a special place and the atlas, much consulted, has its own shelf. A stuffed Bulgarian pine marten guards the drawer where the house keys are kept.