

Handisyde, Cecil Charles 1908 - 2000



Cecil Charles Handisyde was born in Islington, London, England on 25 May 1908. After training at the Architectural Association School in London, he was elected an Associate of the Royal Institute of British Architects (ARIBA) in 1932. He subsequently practised as an architect in London. Among his architectural projects was the design of Trinity Church [now the Calvary Charismatic Baptist Church] in Lansbury, Poplar, London in collaboration with [Douglas Rogers Stark](#) (1908-1991). The church was built between 1949 and 1951 as part of the Festival of Britain 'Live' architecture exhibition. He also designed laboratories, schools and private houses.

During the late 1930s Handisyde was briefly in partnership with [Robert Furneaux Jordan](#) (1905-1978) and [George Fairweather](#) (1906-1985) in the London-based architectural firm Jordan, Handisyde & Fairweather. They designed the Timber Development Board exhibit for the Empire Exhibition in Glasgow in 1938, a photograph of which is illustrated in 'Art and Industry' July 1938 p.15. They also designed a convalescent home in Copse Hill, Buckinghamshire.

Handisyde taught at the Architectural Association School from 1935 to 1939 and from 1945 to 1949. He was a member of the Building Research Station in Watford from 1939 to 1945. In 1948 he was an RIBA Alfred Bosson Research Fellow. He was the author of several books of building techniques and practice including Building Materials - Science and Practice (London: Architectural Press, 1950), Hard Landscape in Brick (London: Architectural Press, 1979), and Everyday Details (London: Architectural Press. 1979)

His address was given as "Silvermere". Bath Street, Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire in 1939. He died in Somerset in 2000

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Bibliography

Mills, Edward David. The New Architecture in Britain 1946-1953. London: The Standard Catalogue Co., 1953 [Discusses Trinity Church in Lansbury, Poplar, London designed by Cecil Charles Handisyde and Douglas Rogers Stark in 1951 pp. 141-150]

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Twentieth Century Society. Churches. Trinity Church [Calvary Charismatic Baptist Church], Poplar, London <https://c20society.org.uk/c20-churches/calvary-charismatic-baptist-church>