

Miller, Bernard Alexander 1894 - 1960

Bernard Alexander Miller was born in Liscard, Wirral Cheshire, England in 1894 and studied at Liverpool University School of Architecture where he received a Cert. Arch. in 1914 and a B.Arch. in 1928.

He practised as an architect in the North West of England and specialised in the design of churches.

In 1945 he was appointed architect to Chester Cathedral, a post he held until his death.

During his tenure he was responsible for the restoration and rebuilding of St. Michael and All Angels church in Tettenhall, Staffordshire.

From 1919 Miller also taught at the School of Architecture, Liverpool for several years

University was elected an Associate of the Royal Institute of British Architects (ARIBA) in 1920 and a Fellow of the Royal Institute of British Architects (FRIBA) in 1933.

Miller's address was given as Prenton Vicarage, Birkenhead, Cheshire in 1922 and 1924; 40 Genmore Road, Oxton, Birkenhead, Cheshire in 1927 and 1929; 3 Abercromby Square, Liverpool in 1939. He died in Birkenhead, Cheshire on 19 July 1960.

Worked in

UK

Works

Churches design by Miller included St Matthew's, Clubmoor, Liverpool (1927), with Francis Xavier Verlade; St. Columbia's church in Anfield, Liverpool (1931-32); St. Christopher's church, Norris Green, Liverpool; St. Christopher's church, Withington, Manchester (1934-35); Church of St Thomas, Heaton Chapel, near Stockport (1936-37); St Monica's church, Bootle, Lancashire (1937); St. Michael and All Angels, Eccles (1939-57); St. Aidan's church in Speke, Liverpool; (1953); and St Alexander's, Bootle, (1956). He also designed screens at St. Helen's church, Garstang, Lancashire; and Holy Cross, Woodchurch, Birkenhead, Cheshire; and the war memorial at Holy Trinity Church, North Malvern, Worcestershire

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