

2nd edition  
(Wales 1978)

map shows building in position of  
1893 church.

Authority	Rhondda, Cynon, Taff	Record No	6
Community	Treorchy	Date Listed	
Locality	Ynyswen	Grid Ref	29534 19728
		Map Ref	CA
		Grade	II
Name	Ainon Capel y Bedyddwyr/ Ainon Welsh Baptist Chapel		
Street No, Name	Ynyswen Road		
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**Location**

Situated on the main Rhondda thoroughfare N of the main town of Treorchy just beyond the river separating the locality of Ynyswen

**History**

Built 1899 by Roderick of Blaencwm . *same position as rear part 1893*

**Exterior**

Simple gable end facade of sneaked rockfaced stone with ashlar dressings, rendered to sides; part Welsh part artificial slate roof. Frontage of 3 bays with lightly defined pediment enclosing a small margin glazed gable light with heavy moulded surround; beneath is an inscription panel 'Ainon Capel y Bedyddwyr AD 1899. At gallery level are to sides round headed margin glazed windows and in centre a triple window, all with surrounds incorporating capitals, keystones and plinths. On ground floor a central square headed doorway with entablature, piers with deep plinths, and voussoirs over a round arched door surround with circular motifs in overlight and double plank doors. On each side are square headed margin glazed horned sashes with decorative tooling to channelled voussoirs and surrounds; tooling also to staggered channelled quoins and plinth. Inscription plaques at entablature level record information on donors, pastor and 'sculptor and builder of Treorchy' Jonathan Jones. 4 bay side frontage with round headed windows with horned sashes in a moulded render surround at gallery level, square headed margin glazed horned sashes at ground floor. Lean to wing to rear extends left to form separate entrance with inscription stone 'Ysgoldy 1893'. Shallow front courtyard with rockfaced stone and ashlar boundary wall with piers with pyramidal capstones, iron railings and decorative gates.

**Interior**

Raked galleries on 3 sides supported by fluted cast iron columns with foliage capitals, fronts with shallow boarded panels edged by deep mouldings; boarded ceiling in panels with 3 plaster roses; some coloured glass in glazing margins, boarded dados and 4 panelled doors; scribed walls; pulpit with flanking steps and doorways used in baptism service, and round arched plaster reredos.

**Listed**

Listed as an almost unaltered example of the more modest type of non-conformist chapels, often daughter churches, ~~in the Rhondda which nevertheless also~~ has some good detailing and preserves the name of the local architect and builder. *1893*

**Reference**

Newman J, Glamorgan, Buildings of Wales series, 1995, p 639; Chapel records