

Case Study

GEC ANDERSON CRAFTS STAINLESS STEEL KITCHEN WITHIN CRYPT OF FRENCH PROTESTANT CHURCH





Tailored to the limited space available





Stainless steel worktops, sinktops and cabinets

Building:	French Protestant Church, Soho
Sector:	Religious
Room Type:	Small commercial kitchen
Specifier:	Caroe Architecture Ltd
Contractor:	Coniston Limited

The responsive service and high standard of craftsmanship offered by stainless steel specialist, GEC Anderson has led to the manufacturer repeating the success of a previous collaboration with a design practice renowned for its expertise in historic buildings: creating a commercial style kitchen within a very confined space in the undercroft to Londons French Protestant Church.

Although it was established in London by Royal Charter five centuries ago in 1550, the French Protestant Churchs current home in Soho Square was designed by Sir Aston Webb and was completed in 1893. The current contract came about partly as the result of an aspiration for improved facilities, able to cater for larger numbers of people and a pressing need to replace the sub-structures failing tanking system. Caroe Architecture Ltd. was duly appointed as the lead consultant while Coniston Ltd. was the main contractor for the work.

Having worked with GEC Anderson on previous projects such as The Old Deanery in the City of London, Caroe Architecture was confident in seeking the companys advice on the possibilities for the refit in the very confined space of the barrel-vaulted crypt. GEC responded by conducting a detailed site survey, followed by a templating, supply and installation contract.

The Project Architect, Alanah Honey, commented: Not only was the existing, domestic scale kitchen beneath the French Protestant Church not meeting its full needs, but the failure of the old waterproofing measures required the walls to be taken right back to bare brickwork for repair.

From previously just providing tea and coffee, the client wanted to move to more of a commercial scale installation, but unfortunately there wasnt the space or the extract capacity for a full commercial facility, we therefore went for the highest specification we could, calling on the services of GEC Anderson on the basis of our past experience of working with the company.

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