

SITE NAME: RAITHBY CHURCH

LANDSCAPE UNIT NUMBER:
LANDSCAPE UNIT GRADE: Grade II

ADDRESS OF THE SITE

PROPERTY NO 98
SITE ADDRESS Raithby Road
CURRENT USE Church
ORIGINAL USE Church

PROTECTION AND GRADING

Curr.NHRA Protection S34
>60YRS? **Yes**
PROPOSED GRADING Grade IIIa

MAP



LATITUDE/LONGITUDE

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SIGNIFICANCE

Associational	High	Representivity	Medium
Age	Medium	Rarity	Medium
Scientific	None	Archaeology	Low
Symbolic	High	Intangible	
Architectural	Medium		

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE

"Mission Style"

ARCHITECT/BUILDER

SITE DESCRIPTION

The Methodist / Wesleyan church is located to the east as you enter the hamlet, and is rectangular and under steeply pitched roof with end gables and bell-tower, c1861. Its tall windows, spaced between buttresses, have Gothic arches, and there are Boyle ventilators along its ridgeline. A plaster cross caps each gable end.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The church is the spiritual heart of the village, and together with the commonage, the streets and the school, creates the "civic structure" for the settlement. The site has high architectural, historical, social and contextual significance. It is a rare example. It has a strong association with the history of slavery in the winelands.

INTERIOR DESCRIPTION

GROUPING WITH OTHER SITES

EVIDENCE OF DEMOLITION

The facade was reconstructed after its collapse.

SITE HISTORY

Originally a missionary community for emancipated slaves established by Barnabas Shaw following the abolition of slavery at the Cape in 1834. The original lots were rented out to 800 freed slaves. The church was built in 1861.

LANDSCAPE SIGNIFICANCE

While there are some mature trees surrounding the church, they do not have any strong landscaping structure.

CONTEXTUAL DESIGN

The church precinct is located on a slight rise above the commonage, as you enter the village green area. It has a particularly striking visual relationship with the Helderberg Range beyond, as its gables echo the tall peaks of this range.

INVASIVE ELEMENTS

HERITAGE VULNERABILITY