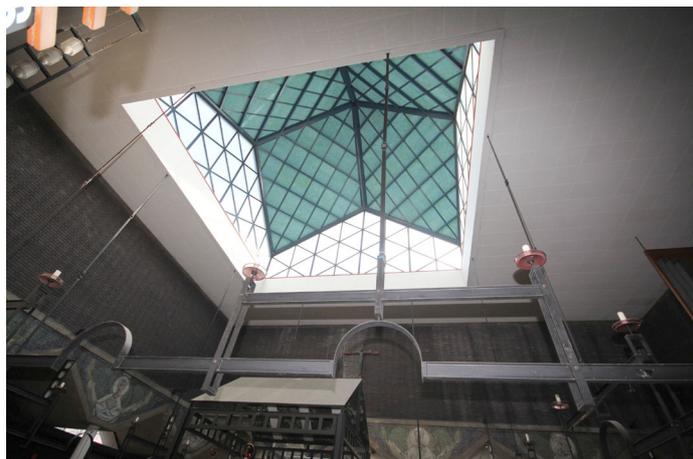


## Marmox Heraklith Panels Help Restore Post War Church

Hundreds of square metres of thermo-acoustic woodwool boards made by Heraklith and supplied by Marmox have been employed in the restoration of a significant church building, located in East London, following weather damage.

St. Paul's Church, Bow Common has been described as the most significant church built in Britain since the Second World War, having been completed in 1960 to the designs of architect, Robert Maguire, along with interior designer, Keith Murray. The brick built structure with its geometric lantern light stands on a prominent site and is Grade II\* listed.

Having celebrated the 50th anniversary of its consecration in 2010 – a relatively short time-span in ecclesiastical terms – water ingress led to a sudden and serious collapse of some of the existing woodwool ceiling panels during 2013. The area beneath the lantern was cordoned off immediately and services moved westward into a safe-zone, so there were never any questions that the building could not be used.



Now though, a comprehensive repair contract carried out by Noble & Taylor, Ongar, has been completed with significant funding by the Heritage Lottery Fund. The project was supervised by Kelley Christ of A&RMÉ Ltd., in consultation with the original architect Robert Maguire, to ensure the substantial lantern ceiling was restored to its former glory.

During the painstaking work a total of 135 standard Heraklith panels were consumed by Noble & Taylor's craftsmen: being readily cut to shape on site and decorated as desired by the consultants to match as closely as possible the original decorative scheme.

Heraklith panels are produced from natural timber fibres to provide a durable and versatile wood wool insulation. They are simple to cut and fix with conventional tools.

Marmox also employs Heraklith panels as a substrate for other hybrid products offering enhanced thermal, acoustic, fire and other characteristics. As well as the architectural applications, Heraklith's board is also used extensively as fire-resistant acoustic cladding in underground garages, and because it is breathable, as a backing board for breathable renders.

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