

Church buildings have traditionally wrestled with the twin vocation of being both 'House of God' (Domus Dei) and 'Community Space' (Domus Ecclesiae). Modern expectations of care and outreach have heightened this tension, driving new and exciting architectural interventions in historic buildings.

This workshop uses St Paul's Knightsbridge in London as a case study of how churches can be places of transcendence and aesthetic satisfaction, and more utilitarian space for gathering to advance community care. How can worship, prayer, sanctuary and care be combined in the heart of post-COVID communities, and what rethinking of traditional church architecture might this entail?



## Presenters

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