

BALLS POND ROAD

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(South Side)  
No 47A (Maberly Chapel  
and attached school  
building)

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Independent chapel. c1820-5; school to rear built in 1844. Flemish bond yellow brick with stucco facade; hipped corrugated asbestos roof. Classical style.

Pediment front elevation, of symmetrical 2-storey, 3-window range. Flights to stone steps, flanked by wrought-iron railings, to two wooden entrance porches: each porch has panelled doors, 2 of originally 4 corner pilasters and heavy moulded entablature. Central ground-floor bay has late C19 plate-glass 4-pane sash set in eared architrave; similar first-floor sashes set in eared architraves with floating cornices. Pilasters at each end of facade, rise to raised band beneath pediment, which has legend "MABERLY CHAPEL" set in tympanum. 3-window range side walls. Interior: Galleries on 3 sides, with cornices and classical detailing to balcony fronts, supported by cast-iron columns. Winder stairs and some original panelling, especially around east vestibule. Subsidiary features: school to rear, built 1844 of Flemish bond brick with hipped double-pitched pantile roof. Rear elevation, of 2-window range, has gauged cambered arches over blocked windows; left side elevation has pairs of windows placed either side of semi-circular arched doorways inscribed "Boys" and "Girls". History: became an Independent Chapel in 1826: its first minister was Robert Philip (1826-55), a well-known writer of sermons and popular religious manuals sold in England and the United States. A sabbath school was established in 1835, and £3,000 spent on new school buildings in 1844. The chapel takes its name from William Maberly, on whose land it was built.