

Downing chairs (and variants) - lookbook

Some architectural settings



Downing (stacking)



Downing (side)



Downing (arm)



Whittington



Newnham

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The *Downing* chair family includes stacking, arm and side versions.

Downing stacking chairs have emerged as popular chairs for dining halls, and can be found at St John's, Pembroke, Gonville & Caius and Sidney Sussex colleges in Cambridge, as well as many London institutional buildings. The *Downing* side chair evolved in 1992 for the photographic slide library at the National Gallery in London and was subsequently specified by the London Library. The *Downing* arm chair was originally designed for the Maitland Robinson Library at Downing College Cambridge in 1992.

'The new seating achieves a spectacular understatement and shows us a different building'.

Librarian, Downing College Cambridge

'I am writing to say how very pleased we are with our new chairs. Individually they look elegant; together they are magnificent... they have exceeded my expectations by a wide margin. May I congratulate your craftsmen on a job beautifully and skillfully executed; they can rightly be proud of their achievement'.

Bursar, Corpus Christi College, Cambridge

'The chairs are so handsome and have transformed the public rooms at the Society. Please pass on our thanks to all involved'.

Steward, Royal Geographical Society

For further technical information about the chairs, variants, linking mechanisms, storage and handling techniques, acoustic qualities, timber options etc. please contact the Design Studio.



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Introduction

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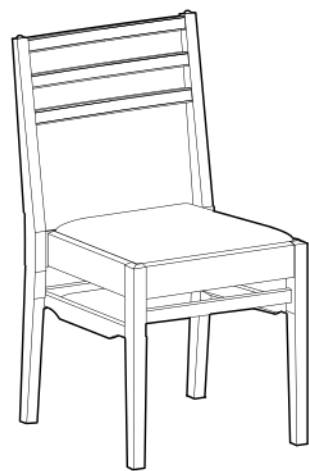
Downing chairs

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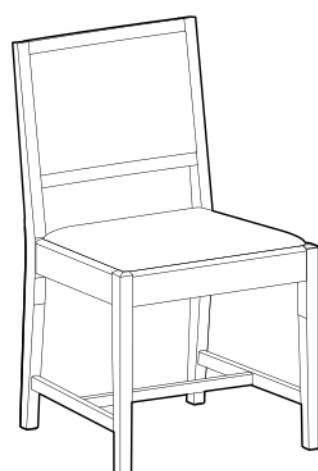
Downing stacking chair •
W 438mm (17 1/4")
D 516mm (20 3/8")
H 844mm (33 1/4")



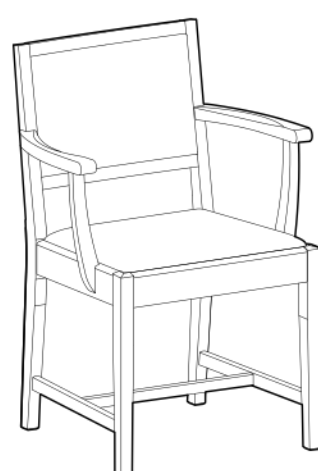
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W 438mm (17 1/4")
D 516mm (20 3/8")
H 844mm (33 1/4")



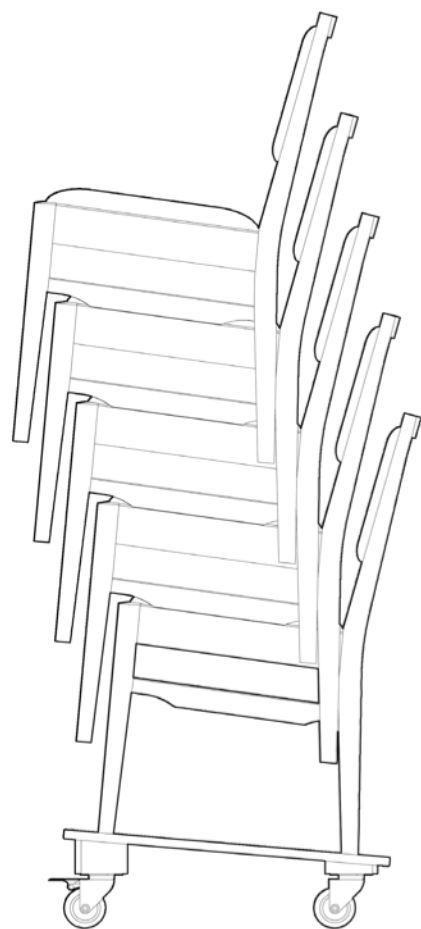
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D 516mm (20 3/8")
H 900mm (35 7/16")



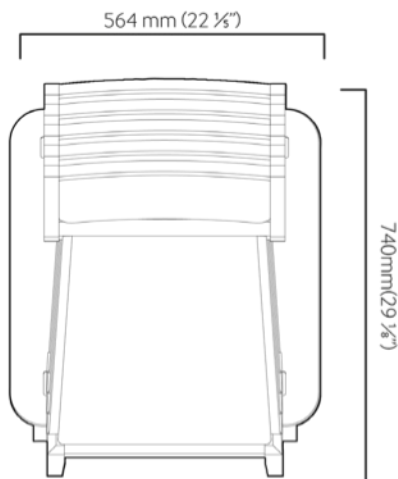
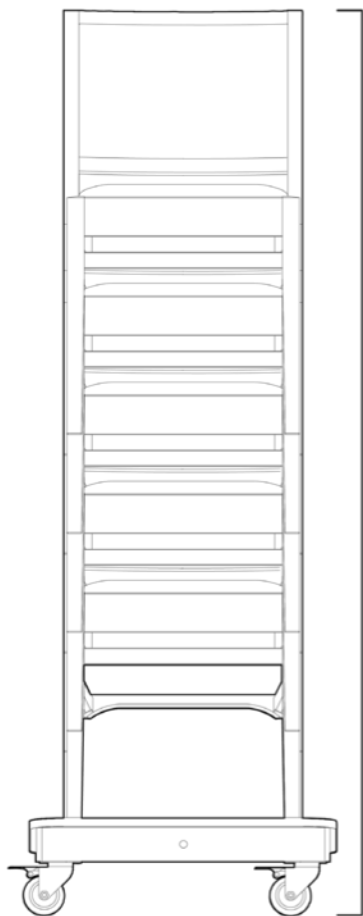
Downing side chair •
W 438mm (17 1/4")
D 516mm (20 3/8")
H 844mm (33 1/4")



Downing Carver •
W 570mm (22 7/16")
D 516mm (20 3/8")
H 844mm (33 1/4")



Downing Newnham and Whittington stacking chair dolly •



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Downing stacking chairs

Jesus College, Oxford





Downing stacking chairs

Inner Temple, London



Downing stacking chairs

Royal Grammar School, Guildford



Downing stacking chairs
Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge



Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge



Pembroke College, Cambridge



St John's College, Cambridge

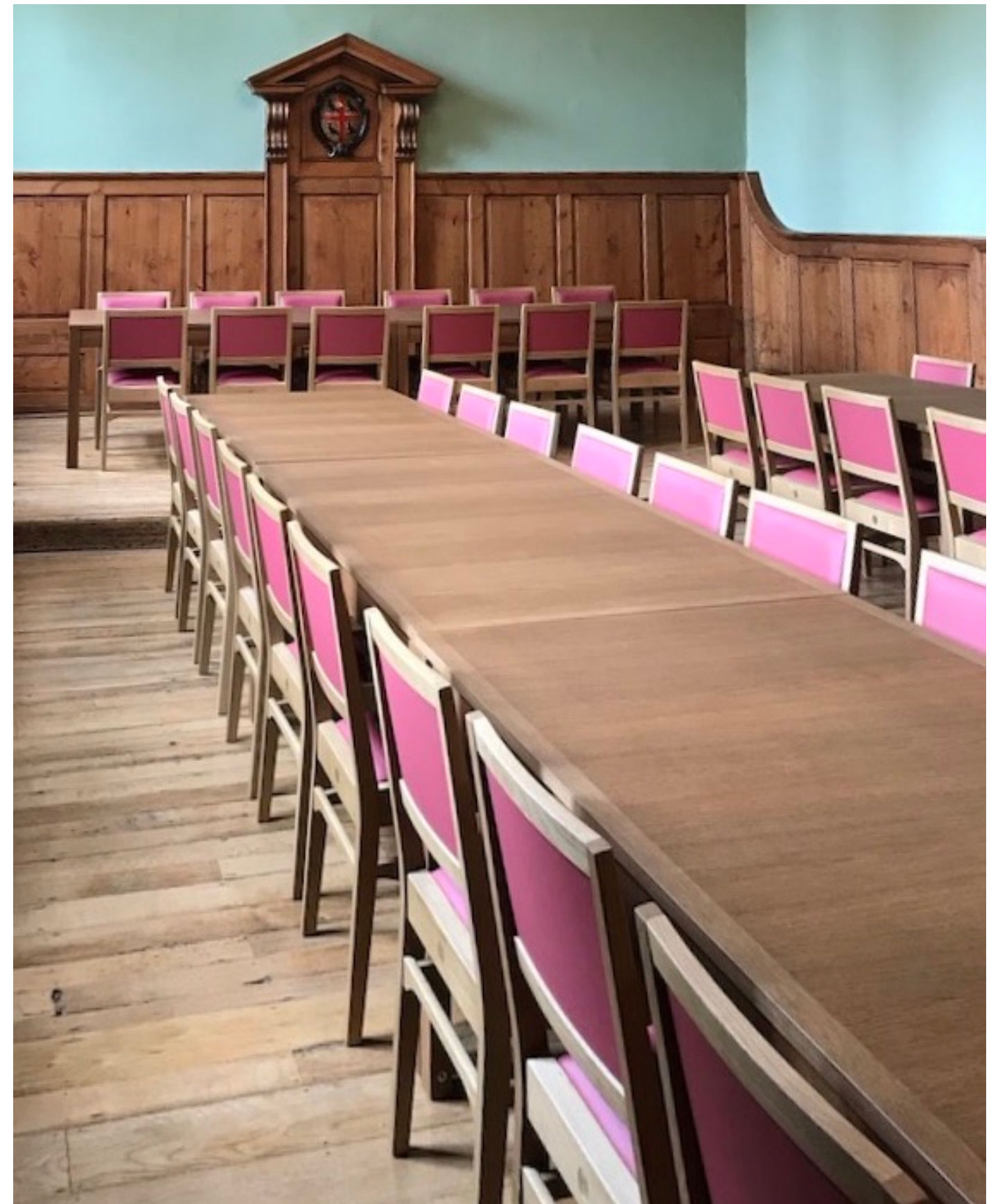
Downing stacking chairs
Cambridge University





Downing stacking chairs

Pembroke College, Oxford



Downing stacking chairs

St Edmund's Hall, Oxford



Emmanuel College, Cambridge



Royal Geographical Society



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Downing stacking chairs

Other settings



Downing side chair

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St Hugh's College, Oxford



Newnham College, Cambridge



New College, Oxford



Pembroke College, Cambridge

Downing side chairs

Oxbridge Colleges



Downing arm chair

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Downing arm chairs
Downing College, Cambridge





Downing arm chairs
Wolfson College, Cambridge



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Downing arm chairs

Wolfson College, Cambridge



Whittington chairs - lookbook

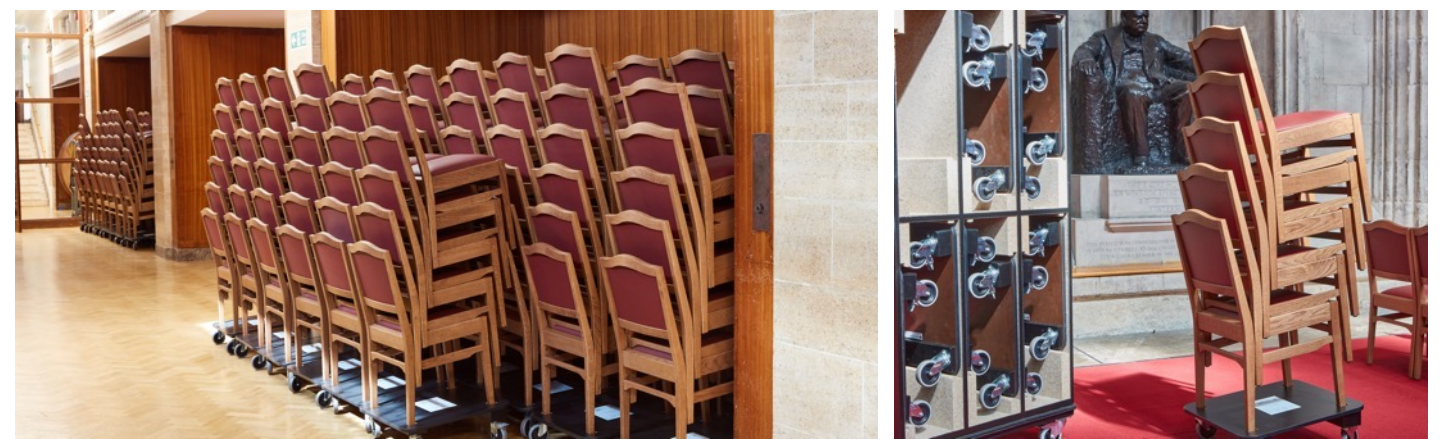
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Whittington

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Downing stacking chairs (with '*Whittington*' variation to top rail)
The Guildhall, City of London



Whittington stacking chairs

The Guildhall, City of London



Whittington stacking chairs (showing slot for ease of handling)

The Guildhall, City of London



Newnham chairs - lookbook

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Newnham

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The 'NEWNHAM' stacking chair was originally designed for Newnham College, Cambridge in 1991.

It has since been specified for Gonville & Caius College (Cambridge), Hughes Hall (Cambridge), Brasenose College (Oxford), Sherborne School and several other institutional dining halls and meeting rooms.



*** 10 year warranty**

'Your consistency of approach, attention to detail and patience in addressing small points of difficulty were exemplary and will be a source of satisfaction for many years to come'

Bursar, Newnham College, Cambridge

You will be pleased to know that the Newnham chairs are standing up superbly to the rigours of College life and, twenty-two years on, still look like new. They are a great testament to the skills and workmanship of your team'

Principal, Newnham College, Cambridge

Introduction

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Newnham stacking chairs
Newnham College, Cambridge



Newnham stacking chairs

Sherborne School



Newnham stacking chairs
Old Kitchen, Brasenose College, Oxford

The problem

Furniture is most damaged when it is moved, not in normal use. This is especially true for stacking chairs.

Typical damage include bumps and scrapes from careless twisting or tipping of stacks; impact damage on leading edges; careless handling by using sack trucks rather than dedicated dollies.

The solution

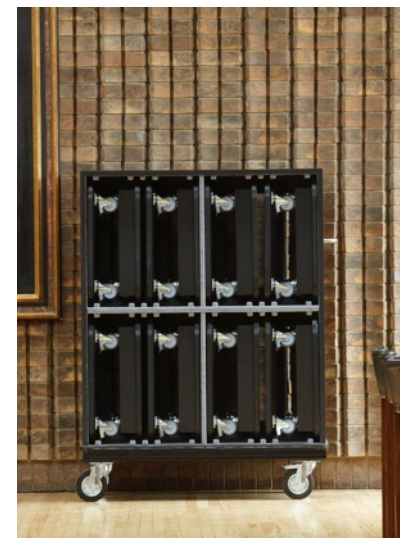
Use dedicated dollies. The stacks of chairs should then be moved and stored on the dollies. This avoids double-handling, protects them from impact damage, avoids the risk of tipping a stack and **halves the time taken to clear a room.**

Dollies are pitched at an angle to ensure the stacks always remain stable; the perimeter rim of the dollies ensures leading edges do not get scuffed.

If this advice is followed, the chairs will remain serviceable for decades.

Trolleys (or racks) for the dollies can be made to fit specific storage areas*.

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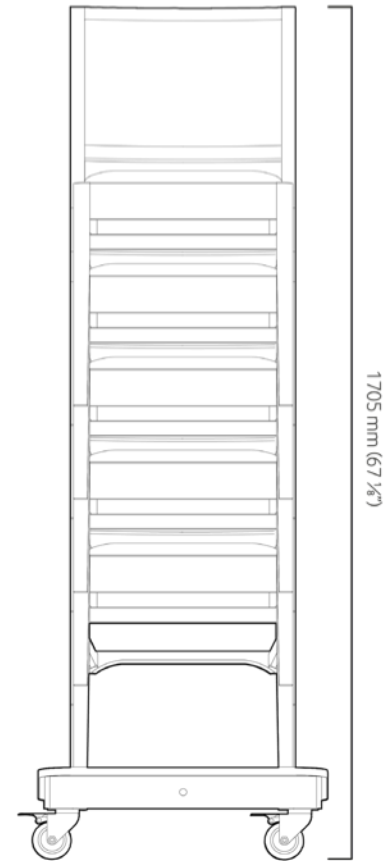
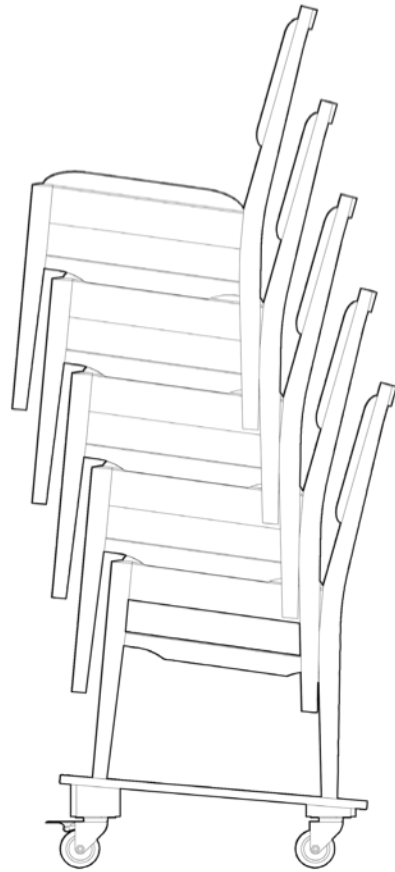


*Trolleys for storing the dollies

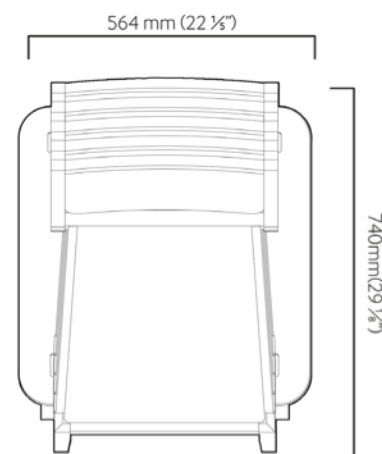
Storage and handling



Standard product - Downing storage dollies



Downing Newnham and Whittington stacking chair dolly



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'I am writing to say ... how delighted we are with the final design and especially the proportions and detailing and how marvellous is the craftsmanship of its execution. It is a fine tribute to your design skills and determination to get things exactly right and to the skill and perfectionism of the craftsmen who made it so beautifully. I would be grateful if you could pass on our thanks'

Benefactors of St Barnabas, Dulwich

'The benches achieve a spectacular understatement and show us a different building'

Vicar, St Michael's, Stourport

'We continue to adore the new chancel furniture in the chapel here at Haileybury. It is exceedingly

beautiful and has transformed the space'

Rev. Christopher Stoltz, Chaplain Haileybury School

'Thanks to you and the whole team for a superb job. It has been a real pleasure doing business with you and... we are delighted with the result'

Project Manager, St Mary's, Ealing

'I especially admire your recent work - each piece is so elegant, practical and singing in harmony with the architecture around it'

Surveyor, Salisbury Cathedral

Member of the congregation were full of delight. I myself was thrilled by the quality of your craftsmanship

Canon Precentor, Rochester Cathedral

'We are in this for permanence, for eternity, so our furnishings, while being flexible, have to signal something of that as well... Luke Hughes's designs provide that noble look and effect of permanence'

Rt Rev Richard Chatres, Bishop of London

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