

## **‘Splendid Architecture’ by Jenny Baker and Derrick Holliday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

It was good to welcome new members to this ‘Zoom’ presentation as well as many of our regular attendees. Jenny and Derrick had clearly put a lot of thought into their nine audio visuals (AVs) and we were treated to striking and well-chosen photographs, a great choice of music and sound effects and informative and interesting voice overs.

From the very start it was almost as if we were there, climbing 268 steep steps carved into the rock, anticipating what was to come and marvelling at the amazing Saint-Michel d’Aiguilhe (St. Michael of the Needle) in France. Not an easy climb or descent but Jenny and Derrick are determined photographers always keen to explore new places and secure definitive shots.

We saw effective titles in their AVs such as the word ‘Reconciliation’ placed over a photo of the cross of nails in Coventry Cathedral. Clever transitions from one photograph to the next helped us to see the stained glass windows designed by John Piper, with their magnificent colours so well crafted by Patrick Reyntiens in 1962.

We were given just the right amount of information to capture and maintain our interest as in ‘What an Amazing Place’ about St Matthew’s Glass Church in Jersey where we learnt about the link with Jesse Boot of Boots the Chemist. Lady Florence Trent, married to Jesse Boot commissioned Rene Lalique to design and make elaborate works in glass in memory of her husband. Amongst the many unusual items in glass was the stunning glass font believed to be the largest glass font in the world.

Whilst in Seville, Spain Jenny and Derrick visited the Metropol Parasol, popularly known as the Mushrooms of the Incarnation. Not easy to photograph but Jenny and Derrick did very well to capture it at its best showing off the wonderful wooden structure with two concrete columns that hold the access elevators to the viewpoint.



To finish we were treated to fantastic architecture closer to home in Salford Quays. Throughout Jenny and Derrick certainly showed us ‘Splendid Architecture’ and we marvelled at their ability to photograph large buildings from many different angles whilst also showing us intricate minute details.



Thank you Jenny and Derrick.

Review and photos by Christine Chittock, Chair and Speakers’ Coordinator