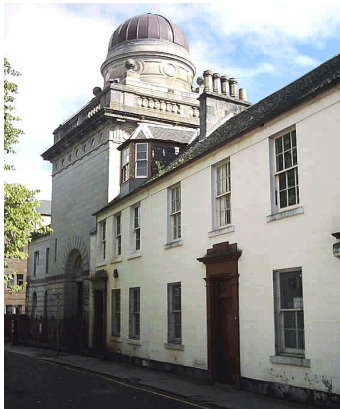


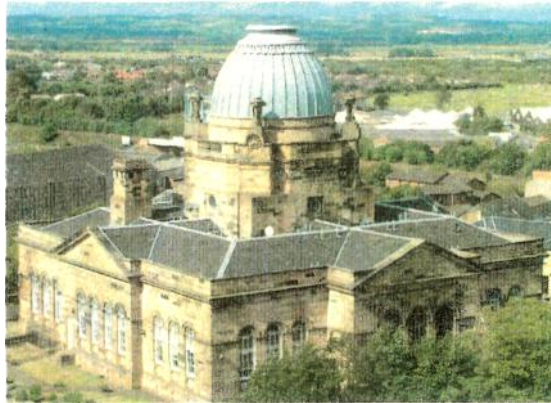
Church Hill is a very steep road leading From the High Street. Oakshaw Trinity Church (formerly the High Church) stands at the top of the hill and its spire dominates the skyline of Paisley. The Church 1754. The Steeple 1770.

CHURCH HILL



COATS OBSERVATORY

Designed by John Honeyman for Thomas Coats. Opened in 1883 and one of the best equipped small observatories in the country. The grade 'A' building houses a variety of equipment and activities include weather recording. It has recently been fitted with a new dome. This is a must for astronomy enthusiasts.



JOHN NEILSON INSTITUTION
Built in 1852 with its great dome, locally named the Porridge Bowl, another feature in Paisley's skyline at the end of Oakshaw West. John Neilson (1778-1839) was a Paisley grocer who left half his fortune to form an institution for the education, clothing and maintenance of orphans and impoverished Paisley boys. It contains a statue of the Greek Philosopher Diogenes created by Paisley's Alexander Stoddart.



COATS MEMORIAL CHURCH

One of Europe's finest Baptist Churches built in 1894, its steeple rises to 240ft and has an open crown of eight arches. Inside there are beautiful wood carvings.



MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY

This Neo-classic complex is home to various and vast collections. It is part of a large development that includes Paisley Library. It was gifted in 1871 by Sir Peter Coats. The building has been extended on several occasions. It is in Greek Ionic style, tall and single storey. The Architect was John Honeyman. It houses many fine and interesting exhibits ranging from local nature history, paintings and ceramics. It is also home to its world famous collection of Paisley Pattern Shawls.



DUNN SQUARE

Purchased by Sir William Dunn for £4,000 His intentions were to prevent it being built upon to make it a quiet retreat; hence the beautiful gardens. It also offers a suitable setting for statues of the Coats Brothers.