



The Williams family — Andrew and Stephanie — with their sons Nicholas (9 months) and Alexander (3) in the gallery of the Inglewood glass plant which they now own and are renovating.

New look for glass plant

Inglewood's glass plant has moved into a new era with new owners taking up residence and major renovation works being carried out.

New owners Andrew and Stephanie Williams decided to buy the old church in Cutfield Street after the people who previously worked there, Chuck Simpson and Lesley Justin-Simpson, moved to Australia last week.

Mr Williams had worked with Chuck for about 12 months.

"It was either lose my job or buy the place, so we chose the latter," he says.

At this stage the plant is closed for renovations which include re-

painting the entire outside of the building and gallery, including window trimmings.

The couple have chosen to paint the exterior walls a very pale grey with a darker grey on the window sills and a blue/purple shade on the window trimmings.

The window trimmings in the gallery will be painted lilac.

The iron roof, which has rusted over the years and left its marks on the ceiling, will also be repaired and the ceiling painted.

Mr Williams says the reason for doing all this is because the building had not had anything done to it since being closed as a church.

"A lot of people were saddened

that nothing had been given back to the old church and our plans have been met with a lot of positive comments."

He says the entire plan is expected to cost around \$10,000.

While waiting for the paint to dry Mr Williams has been aiming to spend about four hours a day in the workshop to build up stock.

"Most of what was sold before will still be available, although I tend to make a lot of plates, jugs and bowls, which is something a little different to what Chuck did."

Mr Williams says the plant will re-open on March 2 under the new name, Glass Art.