

Former places of worship in the Diocese of Southwark

BRIXTON, ST MATTHEW

Ref: BRI06

SStatus	still used for worship (Anglican)
Borough	Lambeth
Present parish	BRIXTON, ST MATTHEW w ST JUDE
Built	1822
Build architect	C F Porden
Further information	<p>Not quite a lost church but most of the building has been converted.</p> <p>Although Brixton is a long established settlement, St Matthew's appears to have been its first Anglican church. It was consecrated in 1824 with a district, eventually a parish, taken out of the old parish of Lambeth. <i>"The tower has a tall ground floor with one window, a first upper stage with Greek Doric columns, and a second thinner and octagonal. Subsidiary entrances into the church on the left and right of the tower. The body of the church is of stock brick with Grecian window surrounds. The east window has two Doric columns, even inside."</i> (Buildings of England: London South, Cherry & Pevsner, Penguin 1983 - extract from fuller entry). There were originally three galleries on piers.</p> <p>By 1969 the building was in a poor state and at risk of closure. It was converted in 1976 into the Brixton Village Community Centre, leaving the organ in place in the west gallery and a chapel at the south-west of the ground floor.</p> <p>The centre collapsed financially c.1990. The church was declared redundant 1991 and a small worship area within it re-licensed for worship (still with its own parish). The remainder of the building has been leased since 1995 to "The Brix" as an entertainment venue, with part of it sub-let as a restaurant.</p> <p>The remainder of the triangular site was the burial ground of St. Matthew's. It was later grassed over and laid out as the "village peace garden".</p>
Address	Brixton Hill
Postcode (if located)	SW2 1JF
Grid reference	TQ 310 751
Grade	2*
Listed Building ref. (if applicable)	204008
Listing found? (if applicable)	YES
CPW / CCC report on file?	YES, dated 1989
Record office & reference	registers still with the parish
Diocesan property reference no.	0850/PKT21,54 & 0931/PKT57



NOTES

Record office:
LMA=London Metropolitan Archives
www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/lma/

CPW/CCC refers to the reports prepared on churches proposed for demolition

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