

Former places of worship in the Diocese of Southwark

UPPER NORWOOD, ST MARGARET

Ref: UPP01

Status	due for demolition
Borough	Croydon
Present parish	UPPER NORWOOD, ALL SAINTS WITH ST. MARGARET
Built	1901
Build architect	J P St Aubyn & H Wadling

Further information

The architects' design for a large church was never completed. A contemporary sketch shows an elaborate plan with apsidal east end, north and south aisles, a tall tower and spire, a baptistry and vestries. Only the nave and the three western bays of the south aisle were constructed. The east end was walled off on the line of what presumably must have been intended as the chancel arch. This wall and the remaining 'infill' external wall, i.e. the north wall, the east wall of the south aisle and remainder of the south wall gave the appearance of having been hastily constructed in stock brickwork with plain, almost industrial, metal windows. The principal entrance was the north west porch which was small in size, constructed in timber with a lean-to roof. There was a similar porch at the north west corner of the church.

It was declared redundant on 6 January 2003, with permission to demolish granted in 2004 but due to legal technicalities was still standing at the end of 2007. Subject to demolition the site is due to be sold to Croydon Council for development as nursery.

For further detailed notes see the next page.

Address	Chevening Road
Postcode (if located)	SE19 3TD
Grid reference	TQ 328 705
Grade	Not Listed
Listed Building ref. (if applicable)	N/A
Listing found? (if applicable)	NO
CPW / CCC report on file?	YES, dated 1992 & 2002
Record office & reference	Upper Norwood, All Saints
Diocesan property reference no.	0843/PKT52 & 0869/PKT55



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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Further detailed notes :

- The church, but not the churchyard, was consecrated.
- Around 1992 and again in 2000 there was discussion about building a new ecumenical (Anglican/URC) place of worship to replace St Margaret's, which did not happen. However a Local Ecumenical Partnership (LEP) was declared in 1999.
- Liturgical contents such as communion plate and candlesticks went to Upper Norwood, All Saints (there is a list on the file). The pipe organ was saved and moved to a church in Essex. The font and one stained glass window were recommended for preservation but there is no note of whether they have in fact been preserved.
- The external war memorial (a freestanding structure) to be removed, restored and replaced in the churchyard of Upper Norwood, All Saints

The following documents have been retained on the Diocesan (DPC) archive file:

- Artist's impression of the larger building with spire originally intended
- Copies of conveyances of 1900 and 1903
- A few black and white photographs of the building
- Land registry plans
- Description of the organ
- 1992 geotechnical report
- 1992 and 2002 CCC reports
- 1993 site survey drawing
- Last (1994) quinquennial report
- 1999 LEP Declaration
- 2002 Redundancy Scheme and 2004 Demolition Scheme
- Heads of Terms for sale of the site
- Summary documents pertaining to faculties granted 1967-1983