

Former places of worship in the Diocese of Southwark

CAMBERWELL, ST GEORGE

Ref: CAM07

Status	converted or used for purposes other than worship
Borough	Southwark
Present parish	CAMBERWELL, ST GEORGE
Built	1824
Build architect	Francis Bedford
Further information	<p>"A Grecian Commissioners' church ... The foundation stone was laid on 23 April 1822, and the Bishop of Winchester consecrated it on 24 March 1824. ... almost the same as Bedford's slightly later church of St John, Waterloo Road: a Doric portico with myrtle wreaths on the frieze, and a tower which is like the others that Bedford designed. ... The ceiling is flat and panelled, and there are galleries on Doric columns. The only ornament is the pilasters between the windows. ... In 1893 an apse was added by Basil Champney. [Restoration in 1909 included] the mosaic above the altar, the screens to the vestry and chapel, and the marble pavement in the chapel." (extract from a longer entry in 'Parish Churches of London', Basil F L Clarke, Batsford, 1966)</p> <p>The church was found in 1970 to be structurally unsound and was declared redundant in 1972. From 1970 the congregation met in the church school until St George's was replaced with a new place of worship of the same name on Coleman Road in 1982, in a building jointly funded by Trinity College Cambridge as it also replaced the Trinity College Mission.</p> <p>The building was sold freehold in 1977 to the Celestial Church of Christ who used it until it was damaged by fire in 1980. The churchyard contains a war memorial and was conveyed to Greater London Council in 1984 as a public open space. Burials from the crypt were removed in 1993 and re-interred behind the chapel in Nunhead cemetery. The church was sold again in 1994 for conversion to residential use. Diocesan files include the last Quinquennial inspection report (1965) and a photographic record from 1975.</p> <p><i>Bibliography: "St George's Camberwell 1824-1974", J Edmonds.</i></p>
Address	Wells Way
Postcode (if located)	SE5 7TW
Grid reference	TQ 331 776
Grade	2
Listed Building ref. (if applicable)	471458
Listing found? (if applicable)	YES
CPW / CCC report on file?	YES, dated 1971
Record office & reference	LMA/P73/GEO
Diocesan property reference no.	not applicable



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

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