

Welcome to St. John the Evangelist

Since 1882 St. John's has been at the heart of the community as well as a place for us to come together to worship God.

The regular congregation and those gathered for all the important occasions such as weddings, christenings and funerals and all those who come to admire this wonderful building would all wish to see this Church stand for many years to come.

But like any ancient building, the fabric of our church is expensive to maintain. That is why we have established "The Friends of St. John's", a network of supporters willing to help us keep St. John's in good repair.

As a Friend, we ask for a gift of £15 a year, or more if you choose. In return you will receive an annual newsletter updating you about our work, our targets and what progress has been made during the year with regard to the maintenance of this fine building.

Included will also be a list of fundraising events which you might like to attend, such as Quiz nights, Summer Fete, Bingo night etc. All profits from such events go towards repair and maintenance work on St. John's Church.

Thank you for your interest and be assured of a warm welcome whenever you visit St. John's.

This Victorian Gothic style Church of St. John's has served the needs of the ever growing community of Bexley for over 130 years. It was originally a daughter Church of St. Mary's, but became a Parish Church in its own right in 1936 standing in what is now the "Old Bexley Conservation Area". During WWII the church suffered from enemy action first in 1940 and then in 1944 when a nearby parachute mine exploded damaging the spire and destroying much of the Victorian stained glass.

Subsequently James Blackford who lived in the Parish and whose drawing along with Tom Dixon's wonderful painting techniques are there for all to see in the replacement windows depicting scenes from the life of St. John.

At present we are seeking funds to replace the now redundant lighting and replace it with new lighting. Included in the proposed upgrade is the removal of the antiquated heating trunking which runs the length of the nave and across the aisle arches. Removal of this unsightly trunking and repair to the arches stonework will also restore to St. John's the beauty of the original Victorian Gothic arches which were compromised when this lighting was installed in 1972.

It is essential that this major project is completed, as the lights are going out at St. John's. The funds for this project are currently being sought through the charities and steady progress is being made in raising these necessary funds.

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Drawn by Albrecht Durer, circa 1505

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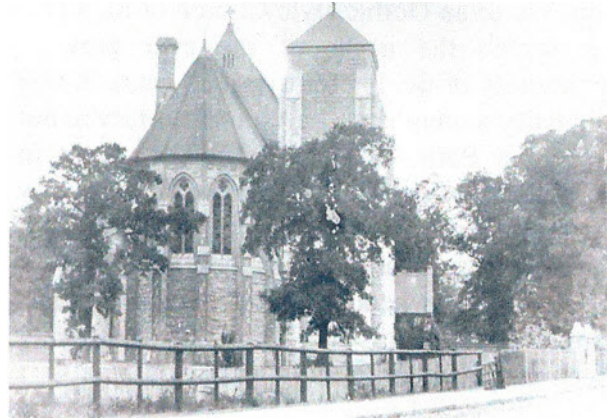
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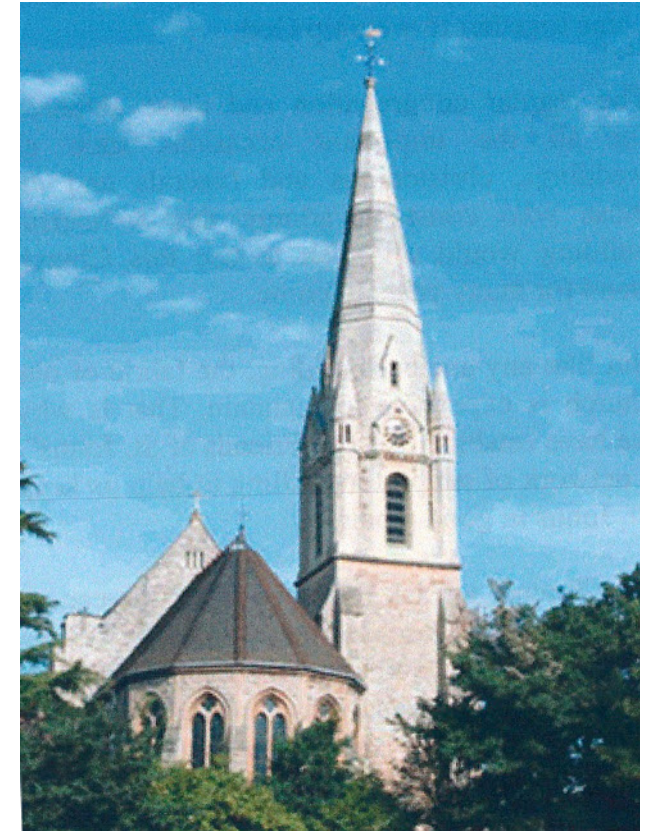


St. John's without its spire in 1885



Henry "Father" Willis Organ 1887

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