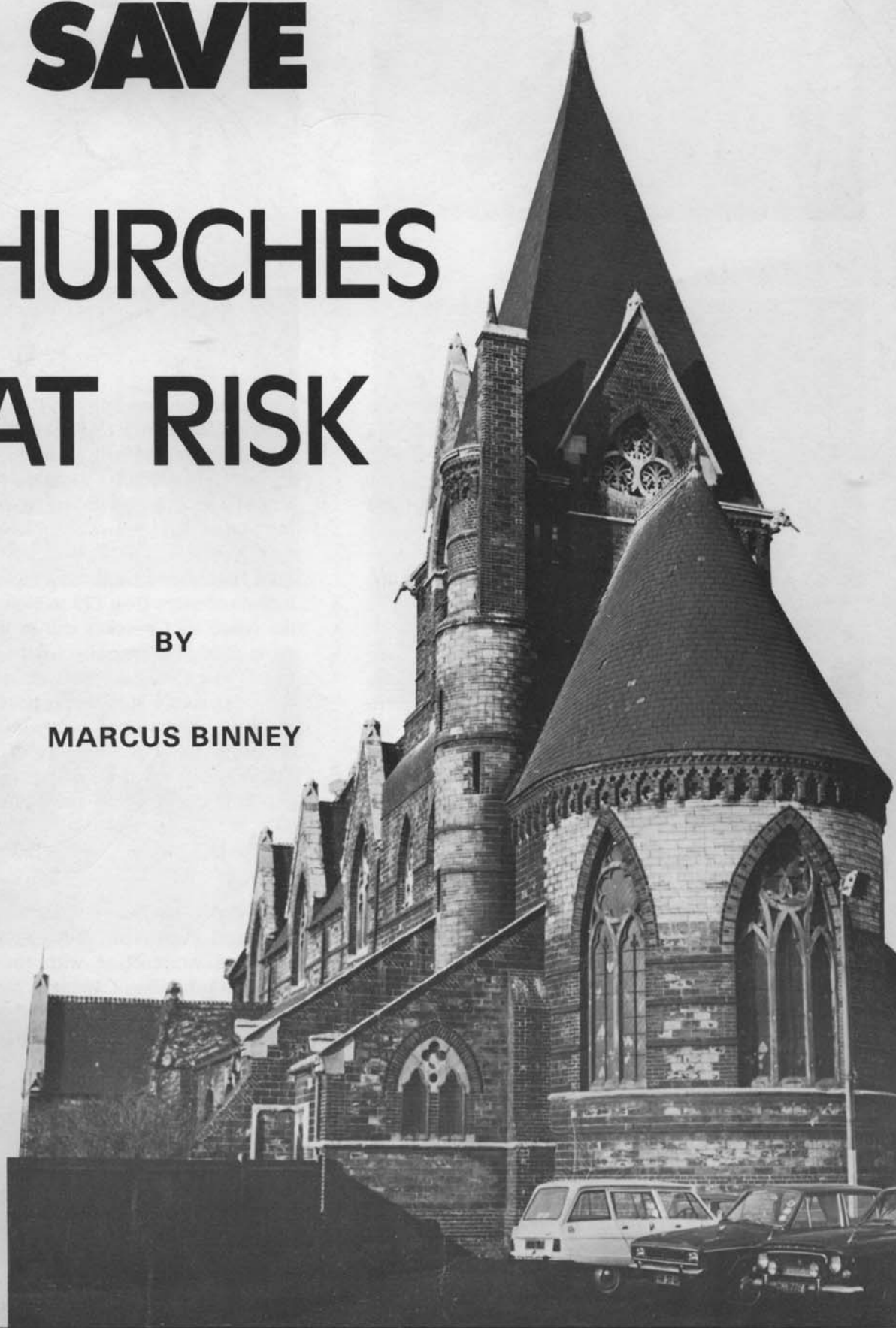


# **SAVE CHURCHES AT RISK**

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# INTRODUCTION

The future of every church in this booklet is uncertain or seriously in doubt. All are closed or threatened with closure. Quite a number are directly threatened with demolition. New uses or new owners must be found for the remainder if they are not to follow. All these churches are notable buildings. Some are medieval. Others are by architects of national importance. The remainder are all significant in regional or local terms. In most cases demolition would deprive an area of its most prominent and historically interesting building.

These churches, many though they are, are just a selection of the hundreds now under threat. Each year, each month will bring more news of further proposals to demolish, close or replace churches of all denominations.

The best redundant Church of England churches stand a good chance of being preserved through the Redundant Churches Fund - which with 110 churches now in its care is rapidly becoming a National Trust for Churches. The Fund's finances however are based on it accepting twenty churches a year (to be reduced to eighteen in the next quinquennium) and since there are some fifty churches of outstanding quality which are potential candidates for the Fund in this year, at least half of them will have to be adapted to new uses if they are to survive. Yet in many cases this may involve the removal of fixtures and furnishings which are integral to the design - stained glass, woodwork, metalwork, wall paintings and the subdivision or remodelling of very fine interiors.

The one thing that will stem this growing tide of closure is the introduction of state aid for repairs to churches. Until now the three Historic Buildings Councils for England, Scotland and Wales have given grants for the repair of outstanding secular buildings, as well as to buildings in outstanding conservation areas, but if a church was used for worship it was excluded from the grant system. Last November, Lady Birk announced that a system of state aid for repairs - up to £1 million at 1973 prices - has been agreed with the

Churches, and on July 28 Peter Shore, replying to a question by Patrick Cormack M.P., stated that part of this promised aid will be released in the current financial year. £300,000 will be available for emergency repairs where there is danger to the fabric. Next year it is hoped that this sum will be raised to £700,000 and after that £1 million at 1973 prices.

In 1975-76 the Church Commissioners out of a total income of more than £29 million, spent just £48,000 on the repair of Churches still in use - though they give some £200,000 annually to the Redundant Churches Fund. The Commissioners revenue is largely spent on clergy stipends and parsonages. If just one thirtieth were spent on repairs to churches in use this would almost double the new Government aid.

SAVE will welcome further information and photographs about churches and chapels in danger, particularly in Scotland and Wales, which are not covered in this booklet.

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## COVER PHOTOGRAPH

SILVERTOWN, GREATER LONDON: ST MARK, CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Very powerful church by S. S. Teulon of 1861-62. Declared redundant in February 1974 and since then good fittings stolen or wrecked. Vulnerable because of bad situation between two railway lines in area flat-tened for redevelopment, but built like a fortress with very steep roofs: could be preserved "in mothballs" for years, until area revives.



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**1 MAIDSTONE, KENT: HOLY TRINITY, CHURCH OF ENGLAND, CHURCH STREET**

Handsome temple-form classical church built 1826-28 by Whichcord. Disused for some years and all furnishings vandalized. Proposal for use as Mason's Hall fell through, now suggestions of use as arts centre. Seriously at risk. (Jonathan M. Gibson)

**2 LEEDS, WEST YORKSHIRE: BRUNSWICK METHODIST CHURCH**

Fine example of 1000-seater Methodist town church, built in 1824-25 by J. Simpson with continuous oval galleries. Spectacular contemporary organ by J. Booth of Wakefield. Disused and in poor condition: interior to be gutted for offices. (National Monuments Record)

**3 SWINDON, WILTSHIRE: BAPTIST TABERNACLE, REGENT STREET**

Impressive temple-form chapel with giant Tuscan portico. Built 1886 by W. H. Read. Particularly good interior with galleries on cast iron columns, with delightful floral capitals. Permission to demolish given despite opposition from the County Council, by the Department of the Environment - a sadly spineless decision which will rob the new town centre of its best building. (National Monuments Record)

**4 WORCESTER: CHAPEL OF THE COUNTESS OF HUNTINGDON'S CONNEXION, BRIDPORT, OFF DEANSWAY**

Remarkable unaltered chapel of denomination which built many fine chapels all too few of which remain. 1804, enlarged 1815. On unusual "keyhole" plan. Complete box pews and continuous galleries. Spectacular twin eagle lecterns. Council placed Compulsory Purchase Order on it in 1964, hoping to replace it with offices (subsequently a car park). The building has sadly deteriorated and interior is now shrouded in polythene to protect it from rain. Local authority has now applied for listed building consent to demolish this Grade II\* building, though full council has yet to approve. Should be taken into guardianship. (Christopher Dalton)

**5 RINGWOOD, HAMPSHIRE: UNITARIAN CHAPEL, MEETING HOUSE LANE**

Delightful untouched dissenting meeting house of 1727 with box pews, galleries and central pulpit intact. Current application for listed building consent to turn it into a Masonic Hall, removing internal woodwork and blacking out windows. A fate worse than death. (National Monuments Record)

**6 WESTMINSTER, GREATER LONDON: WESTMINSTER CHAPEL, BUCKINGHAM GATE**

1864-65 by W. F. Poulton, in *Rundbogenstil*. Very large and impressive interior with continuous oval galleries. Application for permission to demolish made in 1974 and still unresolved. (Greater London Council)

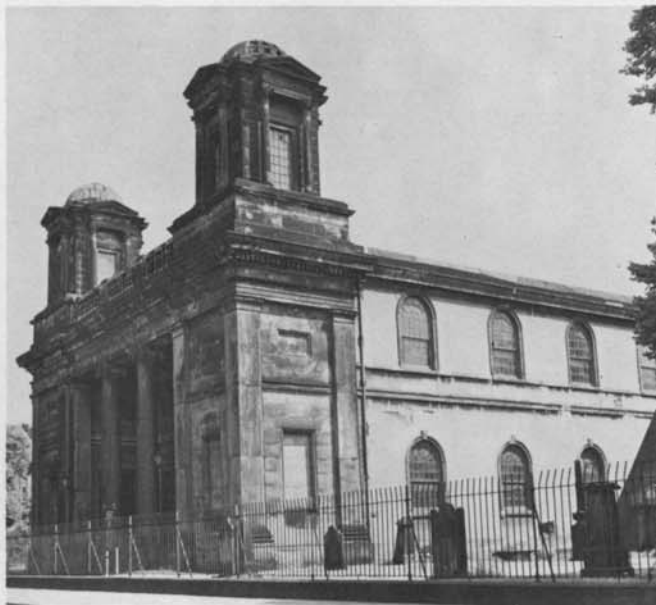




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**7 ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE: METHODIST CHAPEL**

Grand and handsome classical chapel with recessed giant portico. Interior cut in half by insertion of ceiling at first floor level. Alternative uses proposed but demolition now imminent. Very sad nonconformist loss. (National Monuments Record)

**8 CLAPTON PARK, GREATER LONDON: UNITED REFORMED CHURCH, LOWER CLAPTON ROAD**

1871 by H. Fuller. Like an opera house. Still in use, but an application was made to demolish. Could be converted to offices (Greater London Council)

**9 LIVERPOOL, MERSEYSIDE: ST ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, RODNEY STREET**

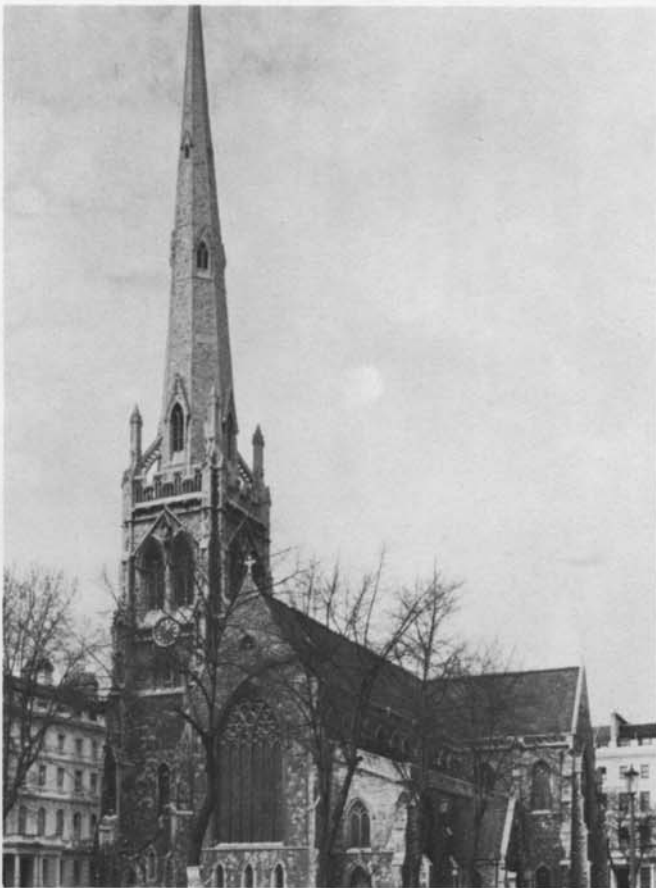
Best remaining building of one of the city's best native architects John Foster Junior 1823-24, with twin towered front. Application for listed building consent to demolish refused but building continues to deteriorate.

**10 GREATER MANCHESTER: SWEDENBORGIAN CHURCH, 20 EVERY STREET**

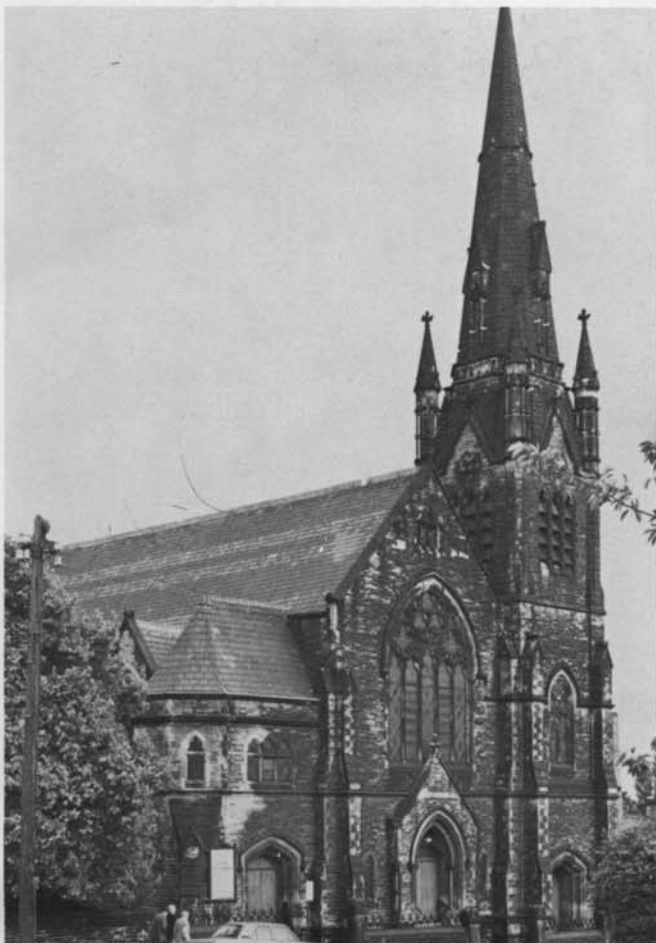
Attractive round church of 1823 with house at front. Now disused and deteriorating (National Monuments Record)

**11 FROME, SOMERSET: ROOK LANE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, BATH STREET**

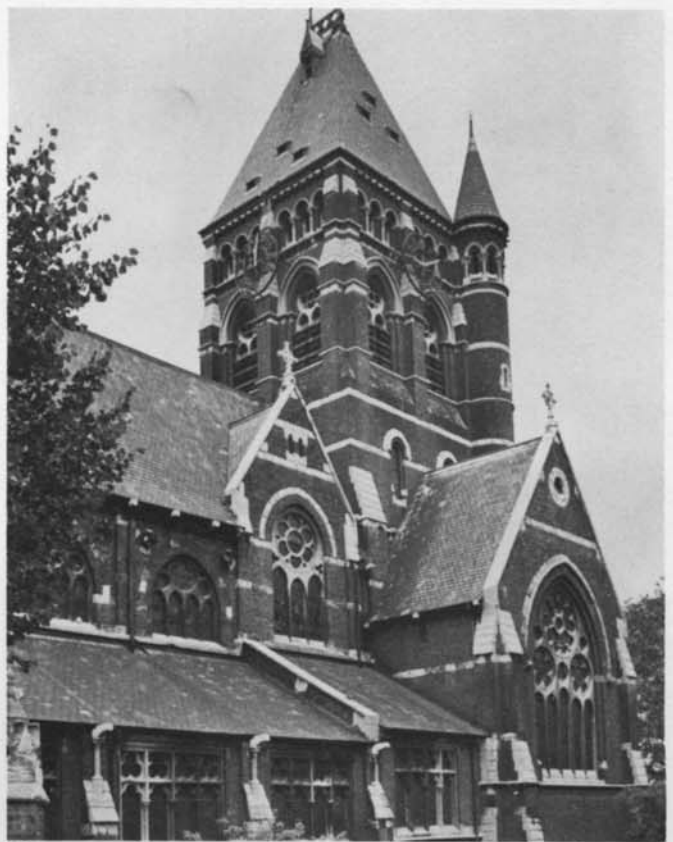
One of the most handsome of the early dissenting meeting houses. Long disused and deteriorating, there are now plans for converting it into offices. (Frome and District Civic Society)



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**12 WESTMINSTER, GREATER LONDON: CHRIST CHURCH, CHURCH OF ENGLAND, LANCASTER GATE**

Major landmark with fine tall spire on north side of Hyde Park, visible from Serpentine Bridge. Large church with dramatically steep roofs built 1854-55 by F. and H. Francis. Dangerous Structures Notice on roofs served early in 1977: partial demolition now imminent and almost inevitable. (Greater London Council)

**13 HAMPSTEAD, GREATER LONDON: ST STEPHEN, CHURCH OF ENGLAND, ROSSLYN HILL**  
Fine, very grand church of near-cathedral proportions, by the rogue architect S. S. Teulon in 1869. Closed for sometime but only recently redundant. Foundations said to be affected by construction of new hospital below but opinions differ widely on extent of structural problems. Demolition would be very grave loss. (Christopher Dalton)

**14 CHAPEL ALLERTON, LEEDS, WEST YORKSHIRE: METHODIST CHURCH**  
Handsome impressively soot-blackened gothic church with prominent spire; now under threat of demolition from long standing development plan. (Dorchester Photographs)

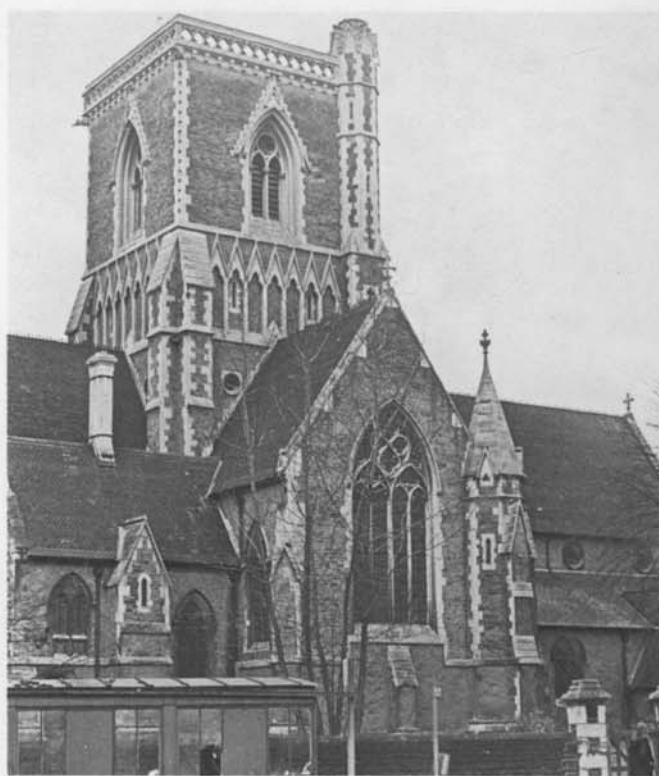
**15 RAMSBOTTOM, GREATER MANCHESTER: CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
Gothic nonconformist chapel on unusually complex plan. Some good detail inside, including founders tomb. Consent to demolish granted after listed building committee of Historic Buildings Council declined to recommend public inquiry. (National Monuments Record)



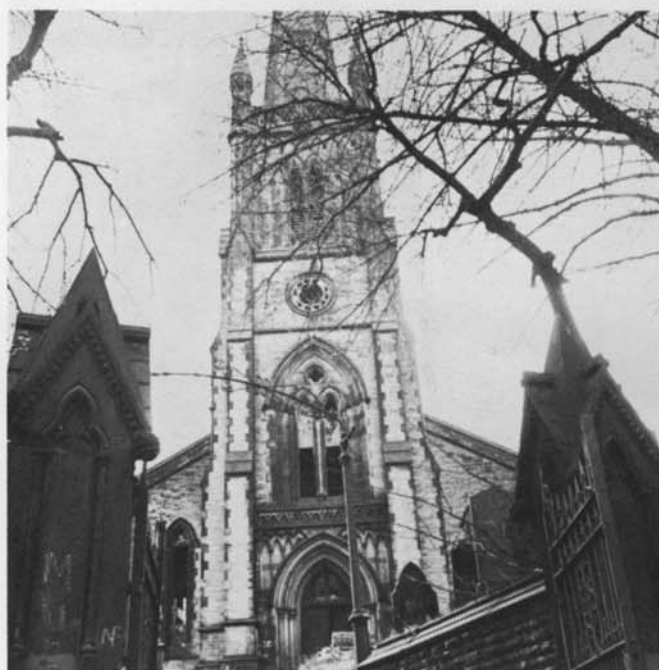
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**16 READING, BERKSHIRE: ST JOHN EVANGELIST, CHURCH OF ENGLAND.**  
Prominent landmark with impressive spire. 1872-73 by W. A. Dixon. Church Commissioners granted demolition certificate on declaration of redundancy in December 1973. Church still there and in use but to be demolished on completion of new church nearby - probably in 1978. (National Monuments Record)

**17 RUGBY, WARWICKSHIRE: HOLY TRINITY, CHURCH OF ENGLAND**  
Imposing town church in Early English style with tall crossing tower by Sir G. G. Scott in 1852-54. Redundant in November 1974, and suffering from vandalism. End of three year waiting period drawing close, after which it will be in serious danger of demolition. Use urgently needed. (Rugby Advertiser)

**18 HALIFAX, WEST YORKSHIRE: ALL SOULS, CHURCH OF ENGLAND, HALEY HILL**  
Proud indeed glorious Victorian church with soaring spire built in 1856-59 by Sir G. G. Scott who thought it his best work. Closed because of cost of repairs. Demolition would be tragic.

**19 HEATON NORRIS, GREATER MANCHESTER: CHRIST CHURCH, CHURCH OF ENGLAND**  
1846 by W. Hayley. Major townscape value. Redundant July 1973 and still no plans for future. In serious danger. Tower may be preserved by Redundant Churches Fund. (David Warner Ellis)





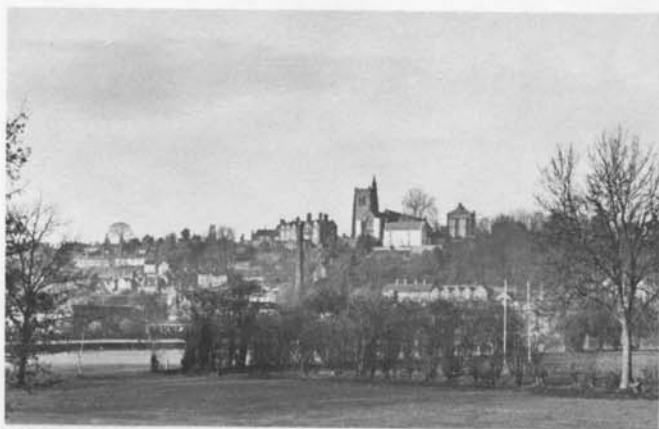
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**20 WESTMINSTER, GREATER LONDON: CHRIST CHURCH, CHURCH OF ENGLAND, COSWAY STREET**

Handsome classical Commissioners church of 1822-23 by Philip Hardwick of Euston Arch fame. Left empty and deteriorating for long time prior to formal redundancy in early 1977, as a result of which cost of repairs has escalated dramatically. Must be preserved - new use needed urgently. (Greater London Council)

**21 BRIDGNORTH, SALOP: ST LEONARD, CHURCH OF ENGLAND**

Large red sandstone church with a tower dominating the skyline of this historic town from afar. Largely Victorian, 1860-62 by Slater. Redundant July 1976. Body of church in danger of demolition due to cost of repairs. Use urgently sought. (Christopher Dalton)

**22 LEEDS, WEST YORKSHIRE: ST EDWARD, HOLBECK**

Bodley's last church, restrained but fine. Redundant July 1976, now boarded up. Future very uncertain (Christopher Dalton)

**23 CHATHAM, KENT: ST MARY, CHURCH OF ENGLAND, DOCK ROAD**

Substantial landmark and proud symbol of the docks on site of Norman church (fragments remain) by Sir Arthur Blomfield and Sons. Large numbers of monuments from earlier churches on site survive. Parishioners fought redundancy proposals up to Privy Council and lost. Declared redundant April 1974. Hopes of converting to Arts Centre dashed when new Conservative Council returned to power. Church Commissioners have agreed to demolition but given opposition till October to find new use. Church contains one of the two best 18th century organs in the country (by Samuel Green, 1795), now badly vandalized.

**24 SHREWSBURY, SALOP: ST JULIAN, CHURCH OF ENGLAND**

Medieval tower, body of church rebuilt 1749-50 by Thomas Farnolls Pritchard. In prominent position. Declared redundant in September 1976. New use needed. (National Monuments Record). Report on use as Craft Centre B.B.C 30 July 1980



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**26 POPLAR, GREATER LONDON: ST MATTHIAS, CHURCH OF ENGLAND**

Victorian exterior with unusual wooden tower enclosing handsome chapel of East India Company of 1776. Good monuments. Recently redundant: if no alternative use is found demolition is likely. (National Monuments Record)

**27 BEDFORD: ST MARY, CHURCH OF ENGLAND, ST MARY'S SQUARE**

Impressive medieval church with Norman crossing tower. Declared redundant in May 1975: Local Education Authority were interested but withdrew. (Bedfordshire County Council)

**28 GATESHEAD, TYNE & WEAR: HOLY TRINITY, CHURCH OF ENGLAND**

Fine 13th century St Edmund's Chapel enlarged by John Dobson of Newcastle fame into new parish church in 1837. Redundant in November 1972, and well past three year maximum waiting period. Serious problem but now on ice. Could go back to parochial use. (The Studio)

**29 LEEDS, WEST YORKSHIRE: ST MARY QUARRY HILL, CHURCH OF ENGLAND**

Prominently placed and memorably soot-black Commissioners' church of 1823-25 by Thomas Taylor. Internally a "half" church, with aisles as high as the nave. Isolated by clearance: now so much vandalized that Diocese forbid photographs of the interior. Redundant November 1975: new use urgently needed. (Christopher Dalton)

**30 BODESLEY, BIRMINGHAM, WEST MIDLANDS: HOLY TRINITY, CHURCH OF ENGLAND**

Good Georgian Perpendicular church, built 1820-22 by Francis Goodwin. Was used as arts centre but Bishop has terminated lease and wishes to demolish. Ghurch Commissioners considering representations against this.

**31 BRENTFORD, GREATER LONDON: ST LAWRENCE, CHURCH OF ENGLAND**

Georgian nave with 15th century tower. Long disused and left open and now very badly vandalized. Only just formally redundant. Threat of demolition but local plea to convert as theatre. (Greater London Council)

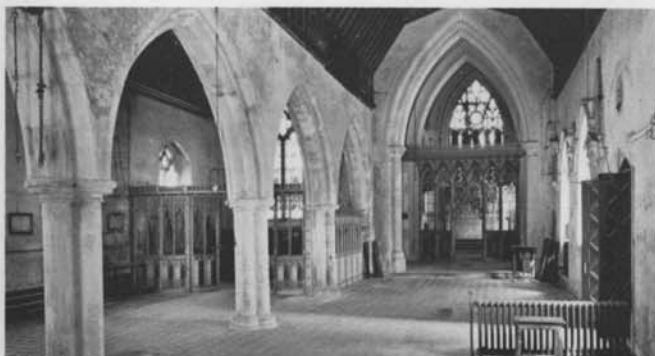
**32 TEDDINGTON, GREATER LONDON: ST ALBAN THE MARTYR, CHURCH OF ENGLAND**

Remarkable and large French Gothic style church of 1889-96 by W. Niven, never finished. Sumptuous High Church fittings. Redundant in November 1976. Big battle developing over its future. Diocese has prevented holding of concerts. Must be saved. (National Monuments Record)





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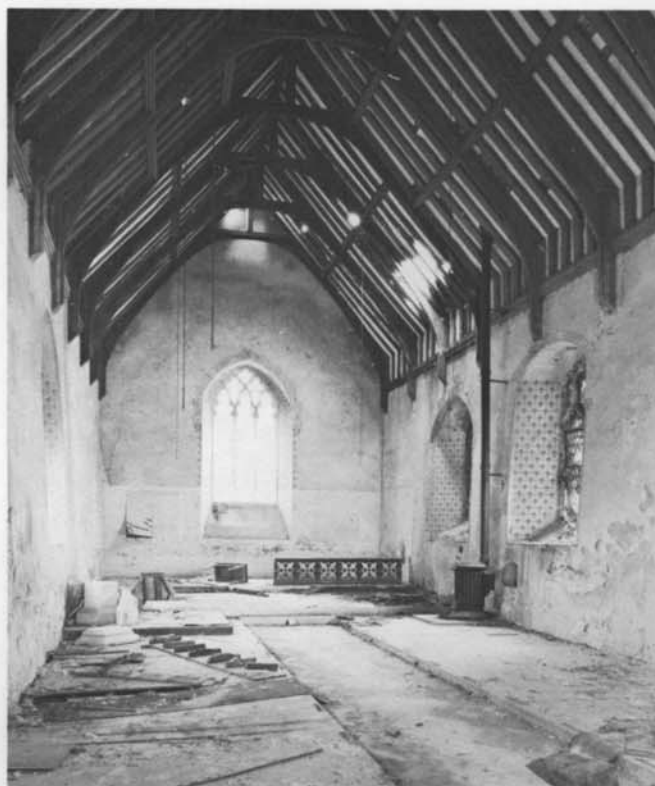
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**33 COSTON, NORFOLK: ST MICHAEL, CHURCH OF ENGLAND**  
Characteristic late 13th century Norfolk church, now decaying. Redundant May 1976. (Christopher Dalton)

**34 SCO RUSTON, NORFOLK: ST MICHAEL**  
Abandoned and decaying medieval church. Formally redundant in May 1976. (Christopher Dalton)

**35 WEST TOFTS, NORFOLK: ST MARY, CHURCH OF ENGLAND**  
Substantial medieval church with marvellous chancel and south chapel by Pugin. In army battle area and caged off by barbed-wire. In poor condition internally. (Christopher Dalton)

**36 WEST RUDHAM, NORFOLK: ST PETER, CHURCH OF ENGLAND**  
Sizeable medieval church, abandoned and in bad structural condition. (Christopher Dalton)

**37 LANGFORD, NORFOLK: ST ANDREW, CHURCH OF ENGLAND**  
Norman church in army battle area. Disused and gently decaying. Fine baroque monument inside, otherwise stripped of furnishings. (Christopher Dalton)

**38 BAGTHORPE, NORFOLK: ST MARY, CHURCH OF ENGLAND**  
Pretty Victorian church of 1853-54 by W. J. Conthorne. Abandoned and decaying. (Christopher Dalton)

**39 PANXWORTH, NORFOLK: ALL SAINTS, CHURCH OF ENGLAND**  
Medieval tower with sympathetic nave and chancel of 1847. Declared redundant in November 1976, now boarded up. (Eastern Daily Press)



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**40 GAINSBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE: HOLY TRINITY, CHURCH OF ENGLAND**

Large and interesting early Victorian church of 1841-43 by L. T. Johnson. Declared redundant in December 1973 and still in limbo. (Christopher Dalton)

**41 KEMPSTONE, NORFOLK: ST PAUL, CHURCH OF ENGLAND**

Large Perpendicular church, abandoned and now in advanced state of collapse. (Christopher Dalton)

**42 HAWERBY, LINCOLNSHIRE: ST MARGARET, CHURCH OF ENGLAND**

Medieval church in lovely position. Redundant October 1974. As yet no plans for its future. (Christopher Dalton)

**43 MOORBY, LINCOLNSHIRE: ALL SAINTS, CHURCH OF ENGLAND**

Nice polychrome stone and brick church of 1866 by Fowler. Declared redundant July 1976. Demolition scheme approved by Church Commissioners, but Diocese have asked for stay of execution. (Christopher Dalton)

**44 DIDCOT, BERKSHIRE: ST PETER, CHURCH OF ENGLAND**

Pleasant small church of 1890-98 in the New Town. Tower by Waterhouse redundant December 1975. Local authority plans to take over for community use are now in jeopardy. (Christopher Dalton)

**45 MININGSBY, LINCOLNSHIRE: ST ANDREW, CHURCH OF ENGLAND**

Little medieval church, almost wholly rebuilt by James Fowler in 1878. Redundant October 1975 and future uncertain. (Christopher Dalton)



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**46 SALMONBY, LINCOLNSHIRE: ST MARGARET, CHURCH OF ENGLAND**

Enchantingly situated small medieval church almost wholly rebuilt in 1871, approachable only by a winding stairway up a steep bank. Simple but with great atmosphere. Redundant October 1973. Demolition scheme May 1975. A body of Friends who wish to take it over, but strong local ecclesiastical pressure on Church Commissioners to demolish. (National Monuments Record)

**47 WOOD ENDERBY, LINCOLNSHIRE: ST BENEDICT, CHURCH OF ENGLAND**

Sturdy Victorian church of 1860 with prominent broad spire. Declared redundant in July 1976 after structural crack appeared, but cost quoted for repairs is disputed. Demolition would be a disgrace. (Christopher Dalton)

**48 REDBOURNE, LINCOLNSHIRE: ST ANDREW, CHURCH OF ENGLAND**

Decaying medieval church, only just redundant. Interesting stained glass. (Christopher Dalton)

**49 HALTHAM ON BAIN LINCOLNSHIRE: ST BENEDICT, CHURCH OF ENGLAND**

Excellent unrestored 14th century church, with unspoilt interior. Disused but not formally redundant. (Christopher Dalton)

**50 SUTTERBY, LINCOLNSHIRE: ST JOHN BAPTIST, CHURCH OF ENGLAND**

A small isolated medieval green stone church (in part Norman) redundant since 1972. Decision on future still awaited though 3 year waiting period is over. (Christopher Dalton)





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**51 DUXFORD, CAMBRIDGESHIRE: ST JOHN, CHURCH OF ENGLAND, DUXFORD GREEN**

One of two medieval churches in the village. Redundant June 1976. New use being sought. Plans for domestic conversion recently rejected by Advisory Board for Redundant Churches. (National Monuments Record)

**52 GREAT LIVERMERE, SUFFOLK: ST PETER, CHURCH OF ENGLAND**

Medieval church which the parishioners have recently deserted following refusal of permission to carry out repairs to the roof in fibre glass thatch. Not yet formally redundant but very much at risk because of the large hole in the roof. (Christopher Dalton)

**53 MADDINGTON, WILTSHIRE: ST MARY, CHURCH OF ENGLAND**

Appealing medieval church in the middle of Shrewton village. Declared redundant in December 1975: interior of sufficient quality to be preserved intact: uncertain whether Church Commissioners will vest in Redundant Churches Fund. Could go to local Roman Catholics though expense a problem. (National Monuments Record)

**54 ELWORTHY, SOMERSET: ST MARTIN, CHURCH OF ENGLAND**

Prettily situated perfect small medieval church, probably 13th century. Jacobean woodwork and rood screen of 1632. Should be kept intact but doubtful if Church Commissioners will vest in Redundant Churches Fund, so alteration may be inevitable. (National Monuments Record)

**55 CLAYCOTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: ST ANDREW, CHURCH OF ENGLAND**

Medieval church much rebuilt in 1866. Tower original. Redundant in January 1972 and now very derelict. Church Commissioners decided to demolish but have stayed execution as locals trying to set up body of Friends to save it. (National Monuments Record)

**56 LITTLE WENHAM, SUFFOLK: ALL SAINTS, CHURCH OF ENGLAND**

Attractive medieval church with interior of particular interest, especially brasses and wall paintings. Should be preserved complete through the Redundant Churches Fund. (National Monuments Record)



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**57 PRIVETT, HAMPSHIRE: HOLY TRINITY, CHURCH OF ENGLAND**

Exceptionally good Victorian church by Sir Arthur Blomfield (1876-78) with commanding 160 ft tower and broach spire. Inside like an elaborate town church with superb mosaic floor laid by Italian craftsmen. Cost a staggering £22,000. Should be preserved intact, but unlikely that the Church Commissioners will vest it in the Redundant Churches Fund. Use for storage a possibility. (National Monuments Record)

**58 CALDECOTE, HERTFORDSHIRE: ST MARY MAGDALENE, CHURCH OF ENGLAND**

Nice medieval church, declared redundant in May 1974. Should be preserved intact but still no decision and doubts as to whether Church Commissioners will vest in Redundant Churches Fund. Proposal for alternative use fell through because of access problems. Friends of Friendless Churches may intervene. (National Monuments Record)

**59 SPERRALL, WARWICKSHIRE: ST LEONARD, CHURCH OF ENGLAND**

Small early medieval church with Neo-Norman chancel. Makes a charming composition with Georgian rectory next door. Neglected appearance considered by some to be a reproach to Christian community; pressure to demolish. (National Monuments Record)

**59A LEWES, SUSSEX: ALL SAINTS, CHURCH OF ENGLAND**

Georgian church with medieval tower in lovely churchyard. Declared redundant in May 1975: new use needed. Hope that local authority will take for community purposes. (National Monuments Record)

**60 LOWER SAPEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE**

Former medieval chapel, no longer in ecclesiastical hands, decaying slowly. (Christopher Dalton)



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**61 KNAPTON, NORTH YORKSHIRE: ST EDMUND, CHURCH OF ENGLAND**

In Pevsner's view "one of the most enjoyable churches in the East Riding". Mainly 1870-72 by John Gibson & Son of Malton, on Norman foundations. Good hammerbeam roof and pretty painting everywhere. Must be preserved intact but unlikely whether Church Commissioners will vest it in the Redundant Churches Fund. Alternative use problematic because landlocked. (National Monuments Record)

**62 OFFORD D'ARCY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE: ST PETER, CHURCH OF ENGLAND**

Attractive cobblestone church with good furnishings including medieval screen. Declared redundant November 1976. Should be preserved intact by Redundant Churches Fund, but Diocese looking for new use. (National Monuments Record)

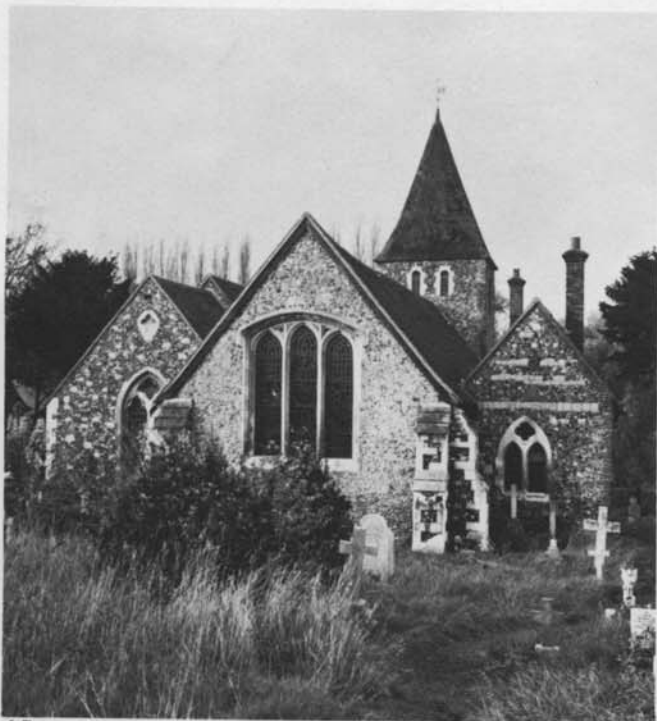
**63 MORE CRICHEL, DORSET: ST MARY, CHURCH OF ENGLAND**

Small church of 1850, on lawn next to Criche House, built to replace "église engloutie" swallowed up in lake. Exceptionally handsome chancel added in 1886. Declared redundant in May 1973 its condition has deteriorated. In May 1976 vested in landowner who would prefer to remove it.

**64 NEWINGTON BAGPATH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE: ST BARTHOLOMEW, CHURCH OF ENGLAND**

A simple and ancient church in very isolated position with richly fitted chancel of 1856 by S. S. Teulon. Declared redundant in November 1975 it is too good to be converted into a house and should be preserved. May be taken over as a museum for local archaeology. (Christopher Dalton)

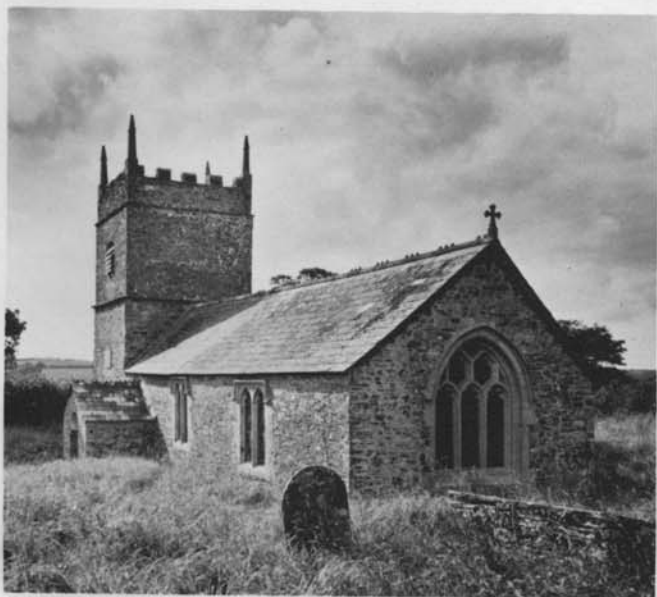




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**65 BROMLEY, GREATER LONDON: ST PAULINUS, ST PAUL'S CRAY, CHURCH OF ENGLAND**  
Largely medieval church in memorable setting. Becoming redundant. Diocese looking for domestic use. (National Monuments Record)

**66 EXETER, DEVON: ALL SAINTS, CHURCH OF ENGLAND, WHIPTON**  
Attractive small Victorian chapel: becoming redundant, demolition a possibility. (National Monuments Record)

**67 ASHLEY, HAMPSHIRE: ST MARY, CHURCH OF ENGLAND**  
Small attractive and largely Norman church. The parish spent considerable sums on repairing it, but, finding upkeep beyond their means, agreed to redundancy after receiving assurances that the church would be preserved by the Redundant Churches Fund. This now unlikely, hope pinned on local authority - otherwise must be adapted to new use. (Council for Places of Worship)

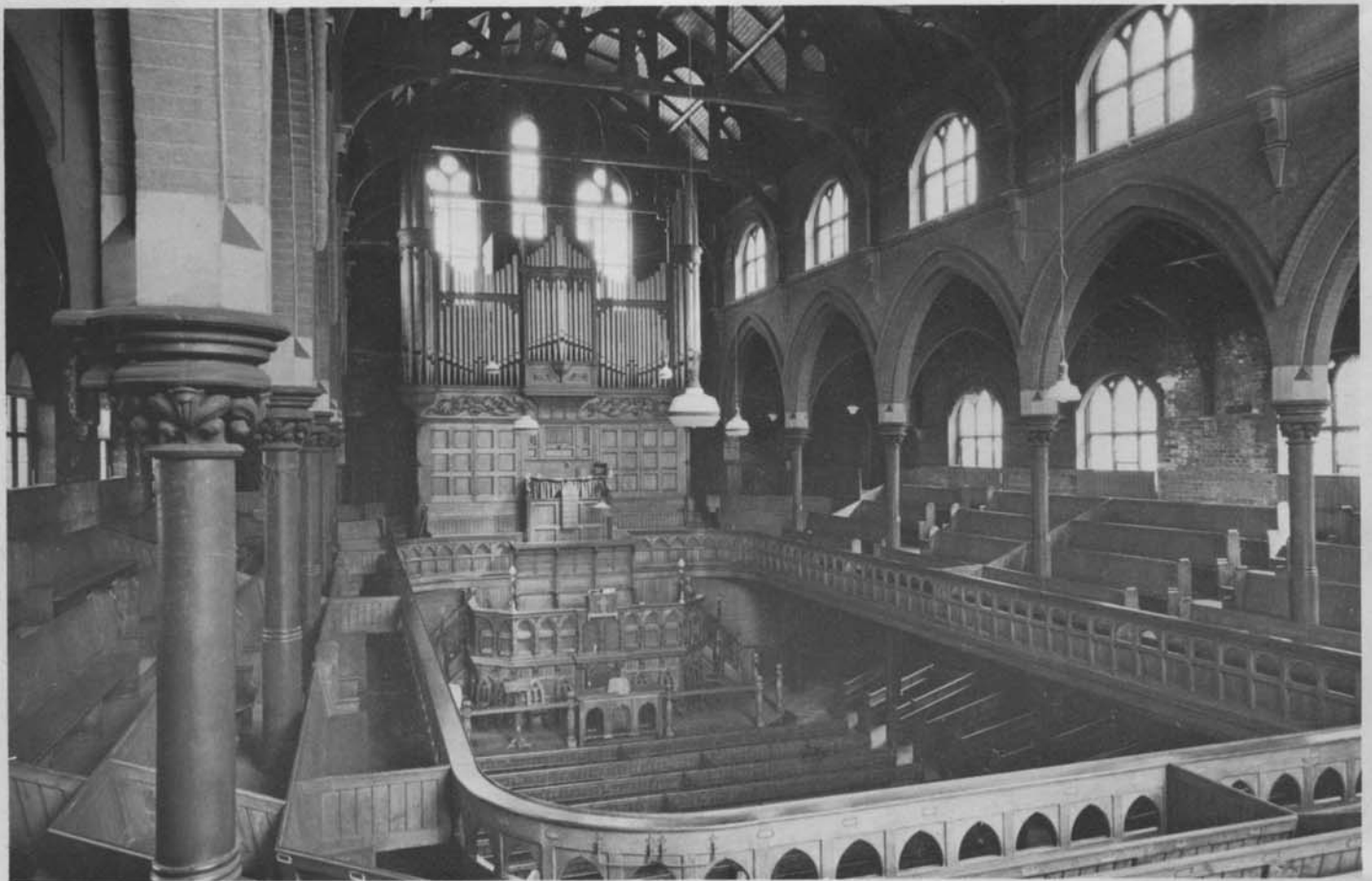
**68 PAPWORTH ST AGNES, CAMBRIDGESHIRE: ST JOHN, CHURCH OF ENGLAND**  
Delightful flint and chequerwork church, largely of 1848-54, though medieval in origin, with good contemporary glass designed by the incumbent. Should have been preserved intact, but fittings removed by faculty and now alternative use being sought. (Geoff Garratt)

**69 LUFFINCOTE, DEVON: ST JAMES, CHURCH OF ENGLAND**  
Ancient church, finely placed with view towards wooded slopes of river Tamar. Declared redundant in April 1975 and now decaying in waiting period. New use sought. (Christopher Dalton)



LAMBETH, GREATER LONDON: ST MARY, CHURCH OF ENGLAND

On Archbishop's doorstep, Next to Lambeth Palace. 14th century west tower (top is 19th century) rest rebuilt 1851-52 by P. C. Hardwick. Redundant October 1972. Three year waiting period extended by Church Commissioners because of embarrassment at demolishing so prominently placed redundant church. Tradescant Trust hope to make it garden centre but needs urgently to raise £30,000. (Sidney W. Newbery)



HARROW ROAD, GREATER LONDON: UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

Gauntly impressive example of major urban Nonconformist Victorian church. Unlisted, and planning application now in for redevelopment. (Bertram W. Chapman)