

Statement of Significance

1) Section 1. Brief history and description of the church building(s), contents, churchyard and setting

St Peter's Church Streatham

LEIGHAM COURT ROAD SW16 2SD

Listing

Grade II*

Listing NGR: TQ3115072004

List Entry No.: 1065037

Architecture

Choir and eastern 3 bays of nave, 1871 by Richard Drew. West end 1888 by George Fellowes Prynne. Impressive church on raised site. Very tall nave with low pent aisles. Tall chancel with apse and south chapel. North chancel aisle and transept, both with extensions. Bowed baptistery at west end; high undercroft (known as The Crypt) below this and nave. Octagonal turrets supported by flying buttresses flank high west gable with great wheel window. Other windows traceried in style. Stock brick with much decoration, mostly flush, in red brick and stone; bands, diapering, window dressings. High pitched tiled roofs except for aisles. Inside, five-bay nave with tall pointed arcade on round stone piers; elsewhere, the polychromy continued. Facetted cut brick decoration to arches. Nave roof has arch-braced collar beams alternating with scissor trusses. Principals rest on corbelled shafts. Ribbed barrelled chancel roof; panelled walls, sedilia and piscina; elaborate reredos. Wrought iron screens to south chapel.

The worship area occupies the upper part of the entire structure, being reached by a flight of steps and a ramp that lead to an entrance that opens on to the higher ground towards the east end of the site.

The interior of the church was rearranged in the late 1980s under the direction of Derek Philips RIBA. The altar was moved to the west end of the building (which had originally been the baptistery) and the east end is now used as a day chapel with choir stalls.

Sources:

Historic England – Listing for St Peter's Church Streatham

<https://www.historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list/list-entry/1065037>

Quinquennial Report June 2013 – Austin Winkley & Associates (from Brief description of the building)

2) Section 2: The significance of the church (including its contents and churchyard) in terms of:

i) Its special architectural and historical interest

ii) Any significant features of artistic or archaeological interest

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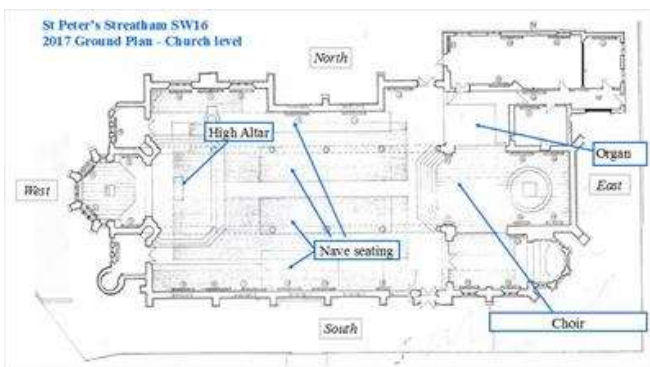
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There is a Calvary War Memorial bearing names of the fallen from the First World War in the church grounds that was designated a Grade II memorial in 2017. List entry number: 1441847

3) Assessment of the impact of the proposals on the significance defined in Section 2

No impact to the Statement of Significance for these proposals.

Plan



Interior



Looking West to High Altar



Looking East to Choir and old chancel

Exterior

