East Dulwich Tabernacle Baptist Church

Active
Baptist
107 Barry Road, SE22 0HW

East Dulwich Tabernacle exterior and interior

Original East Dulwich Tabernacle pre 1944

Historical summary

The church was inaugurated at a meeting in January 1877 in Silvester Road and first met in February 1878 in an iron building on the corner of Underhill and Henslowe Roads. The church on the present site was opened in November 1882, built at a cost of around £1500. Rev W. J. May was the first pastor [for list of pastors see book by the Conways referred to below]. The freehold was purchased in 1921 and transferred in 1924 to the London Baptist Property Board. In 1928 a church hall was added. The church had to be demolished in 1937 having been declared unsafe, and worship continued in the hall. Two bomb shelters were constructed on the church site. The hall was completely destroyed on 30 June 1944 by a V1 flying bomb. The congregation used the hall of the Methodist Church in a new church was opened in September 1951, designed by Donald Robertson and built by Hudson Bros, at a cost of £1845. The building was improved and extended in 1991-92. Banfields Woodyard which had been beside it was sold and built over in 2012.

Sources: The History of East Dulwich Tabernacle Baptist Church: the First 140 Years, by John and Vera Conway, 2022.