St James

Demolished
Church of Scotland
Corner of East Dulwich Road and Worlingham Road

St James, exterior

St James, interior

Historical summary
"Tin church" of corrugated iron erected in 1882 with an all-purpose hall, foundation stone of 14 June 1882 laid by James Campbell MP, brother of Campbell-Bannerman who paid for it with Sir Robert Jardine MP, of Jardine Mathieson. The Scottish congregation had worshipped at Norland House from 1881. The foundation stone of the church was laid on 25 March 1893 in the gardens of Norland House. Church completed and consecrated in 1896.

Founded following request to Crown Court Church of Scotland from group of local Scottish residents, including Archibald K. Murray of Murrays railway timetables, John Somerville Mayor of Camberwell and (Sir) William Lane-Mitchell, MP for Streatham 1918-39 who lived at Ryecotes Mead to adopt a new congregation as a mission. First minister in 1884: after secession of some to English Presbyterian Church thriving ministries of Gordon Stott 1898-1906, Ernest Brechin 1907- 1914, Percival Mackenzie 1915-1949, David Norwood 1949-59. 1929 adopted St Margaret's Gillingham as a mission. Minor war damage.

As result of declining numbers eventually united with St Columba's Pont Street in 1972 and site sold to Presbyterian Housing Association to build sheltered housing. Hunter organ given to St Columba's Pont Street and in turn passed on to…. Communion plate of 1832 from dissolved Manchester congregation given to St James in 1909 now used in St Columba's London Scottish Chapel, also 2 oak chairs from Old Tolbooth Ayr

Built in traditional Gothic style…three commemorative stones and burning bush motif stone. The name of the church is preserved in St James' Cloisters sheltered housing.

Sources: National Records of Scotland (records 1881-1918) CH2/1125. The Scots Kirk in London, George G Cameron, 1979, Becket Publications esp chapter 14 Daughter at Dulwich and notes there on MS sources