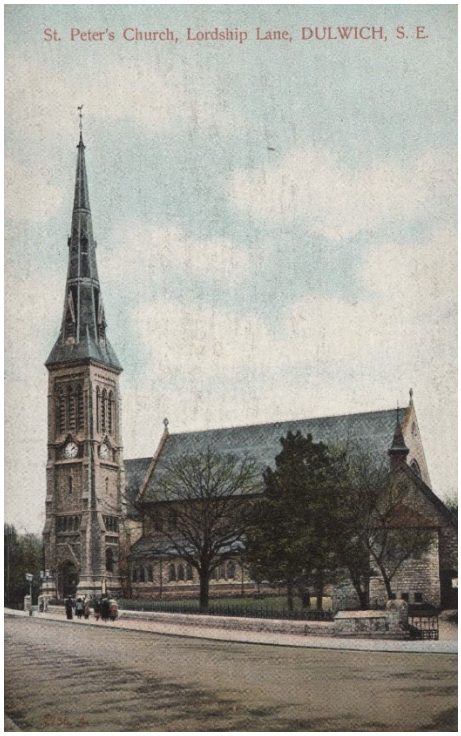
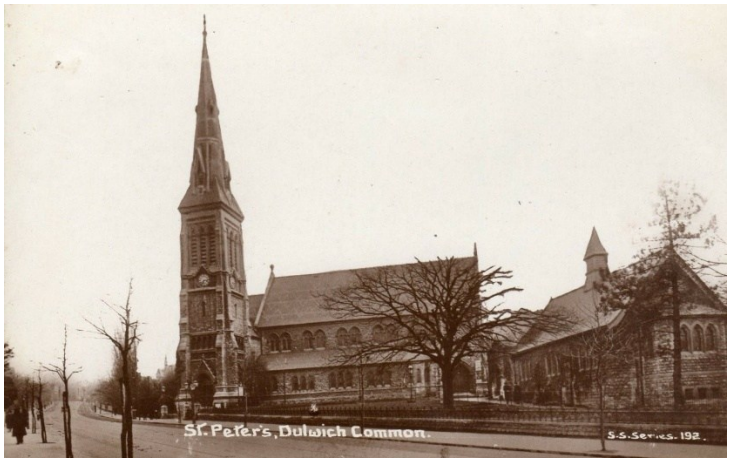
Places of Worship in Dulwich

St Peter

Merged with St Clement
Church of England
549 Lordship Lane, SE22 8LD

St Peter, exterior and interior





Historical summary
Work started on this church, by Charles Barry Jnr, Architect to the Dulwich Estate, in 1873 on land gifted by Dulwich College for a new parish formed from St Giles Camberwell. The tower and spire were completed in 1875 and the vestry enlarged in 1893. The first vicar was Revd William Calvert of King's College, London. Built in Gothic style. The masonry is Kentish ragstone with Bath stone dressings, with banded London stock and red brick internally. Steeply pitched slated roofs, aisles with lean-to roofs, apsed chancel. Gabled entrance in west end of north elevation. Windows are mainly cusped lancets, in triplets to aisles, single to apse with trefoils above, the central one larger; pairs of leaded windows to clerestory. Large traceried west window with stained glass, c1891. Tall buttressed tower with slender slated broach spire has blind arcading above gabled entrance on north face. Inside 6-bay nave with marble columns, coloured brickwork and terracotta diapering. Open timber roof with some painting, especially to chancel. Pews recently dismantled and interior now open-plan. Floor rebuilt in concrete with steps up from lower nave to aisles.

The Church of England declared the church redundant in 1984, closed it and sold it to the Benedictine community of Worth Abbey who sold to the Deeper Life Church. The parish of St Peter joined with St. Clement in 1986. Listed Grade II.

Sources: London Archives.