

Woodyer, Henry 1816 - 1896

Henry Woodyer was born in Guildford, Surrey, England in 1816. After studying Merton College, Oxford from 1835 to 1838, he briefly worked in the office of William Butterfield (1814-1900) in London. In the early 1840s he set up his own architectural practice at 4 Adam Street in London. He also had an office the High street, Guildford. By the mid-1840s he had begun designing churches and it is as a church architect that he is primarily known.

Woodyer was an avowed Anglican and an exponent of the Gothic Revival style which informed much of his work as an architect.

Woodyer married in 1851 and the following year his wife died in childbirth. Not long after, he moved with his infant daughter, Hester Fanny, to Grafham Grange near Dunsfold in Surrey where he lived for over 30 years. By 1891 he had moved to Bramley in Surrey. He died at his home, Padworth Croft, near Reading, Berkshire on 10 August 1896

Worked in

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Works

His finest churches are considered to have been St. Mark's Church, Wyke, Surrey (1845-47); Holy Innocents, with school, vicarage and lodge in Highnam, Gloucestershire (1847-52); St Martha-on-the-Hill, Chilworth, Surrey, a Medieval church reconstructed by Woodyer (1848-50); SS Peter & Paul, Foxearth, Essex (c.1848-1860s); St Michael and All Angels, Tenbury Wells, Worcestershire (1853-56); ouse of Mercy, Clewer, Windsor, Berkshire (1853-96); St, Michael's Church and College, Tenbury, Worcestershire (1854-56); St Raphael's Church, Cumberland Road, Bristol (1858-59); St. Mary's Church, Buckland, Surrey (1860); St John the Evangelist, Twinstead, Essex (1860); Christ Church in Reading, Berkshire (1861-62, 1874-75); Christ Church, Whitley, Reading, Berkshire (1861-65); All Saints' in Wokingham, Berkshire, restored (1862-64); St Peter's, Hascombe, Surrey (1863-64); St. Martin's Church, Dorking, Surrey (1866); and St Michael & All Angels, Waterford, Hertfordshire (1871-72).

His non-ecclesiastical work included Cosford House, Thursley, Surrey (c.1848); Muntham Court, near Findon, West Sussex for Harriet Thynne, Marchioness of Bath (c.1850-51); Twyford Moors, near Winchester, Hampshire for Conway Shipley

(1861-62); Cranleigh School in Surrey (1863-65); addition to Wooton House, near Dorking, Surrey (1864); All Saints Hospital in Eastbourne, Sussex (1867-70); Brandford, near Goudhurst, Kent (1872); addition to Holme Park, Sonning, Berkshire for Reverend S. Golding-Palmer (c.1881); addition to Barrow Court, Barrow Gurney, Somerset for Martin Gibbs (1882-91); and Tyntesfield, near Bristol, Somerset for Anthony Gibbs (1885-89)

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