

## **Blomfield, Arthur William 1829 - 1899**



Arthur William Blomfield [also known as Sir Arthur William Blomfield] was born in London, England on 6 March 1829. After studying at Trinity College, Cambridge, from where he graduated in 1851, he trained as an architect with Philip Charles Hardwick (1822-1892) from 1852 to 1855. He commenced practice as an architect in London in 1856 and in 1890 formed a partnership - Arthur Blomfield & Sons, with his sons, Charles James Blomfield (1862-1932) and Arthur Conran Blomfield (1863-1935). He was appointed architect to the Bank of England in 1883 and was Diocesan Architect to Winchester.

He was elected a Fellow of the Royal Institute of British Architects (FRIBA) in 1867. He was also elected a Fellow of the Society of Architects (FSA) in 1881, and an Associate of the Royal Academy (ARA) in 1883. He was the recipient of the Royal Gold Medal in 1891. In 1861 he was President of the Architectural Association and was knighted in 1889. He died at the Royal Societies Club in London on 30 October 1899.

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Works

Restoration of St Leonard's Church, Linley, Shropshire (1858); Christ Church, Crouch End, London (1862); Christ Church, East Sheen, London (1863); St Mary's parish church, Jackfield, Shropshire (1863); All Saints' parish church, Windsor, Berkshire (1862-64); St Luke's chapel, Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford (1864); restoration of St Mary's Church, Banbury, Oxfordshire (1864); Dartford Grammar School, Dartford, Kent (1864); St. Mary's parish church, Adwell, Oxfordshire (1865); St Mark's parish church, Binfield, Berkshire (1866); St Mary's parish church, Princes Risborough, Buckinghamshire (1867-68); St John the Baptist

parish church, Eton Wick, Buckinghamshire (1867–69); All Saints' parish church, Upper Caldecote, Bedfordshire (1868); St. Mary's Church, Strood, Kent (1868); Vicarage, Holy Trinity Church, Headington Quarry, Oxfordshire (1868); St Saviour's parish church, Eddington, Berkshire (1868); St Mary Magdalen Church, Sheet, Hampshire (1868–69); St. Barnabas parish church, Jericho, Oxford (1869); St Peter in Eastgate, Lincoln (1870 ); St Stephen's Church, Tunbridge Wells, Kent (1870); St Saviour's Church, Oxford Street, London (1870–73); St. John's Church, St. Moritz, Switzerland (1871); St John the Baptist, Bathwick, Bath (1871); St Nicholas' Church, Chawton, Hampshire (1872–73); St James' parish church, Ramsden, Oxfordshire (1872); Church of St Mary and St Ethelbert, Luckington, Wiltshire (1872); St. Andrew's parish church, Surbiton, Surrey (1872); St John the Baptist parish church, Crowthorne, Berkshire (1873); Holy Innocents parish church, High Beach, Essex (1873) Tyntesfield chapel, Wraxall, Somerset, (1873); St Peter's Church, Netherseal, Derbyshire (1874); St Michael and All Angels Church, Hughenden, Buckinghamshire (1874–90); St John the Baptist's Church, Eltham, Kent (1875); St Michael and All Angels Church, Maidstone, Kent (1876); refurbishment of Chapel Royal, Brighton (1876); Christ Church, Epsom, Surrey (1876); Holy Innocents, Hornsey, London (1876–77); Holy Trinity Church, Privett (1876–78); Haileybury and Imperial Service College Chapel (1877); restoration of St Andrew's Church, Collingbourne Ducis, Wiltshire (1877); All Saints' parish church, Roffey, West Sussex (1878); restoration of St. Mary Magdalene parish church, Woodstock, Oxfordshire (1878); additions to Trinity College, Cambridge Bishop's Hostel (1878); extension to St Paul's Church, Clapham (1879); rebuilding of Denton Hall, Denton, Lincolnshire (1879–1883); All Saints Church, Fulham (1880–81); St Nicholas' parish church, Heythrop, Oxfordshire (1880); St John the Evangelist's Church, St Leonards-on-Sea, East Sussex (1881); Royal College of Music, London (1882) Selwyn College, Cambridge (1882); restoration and additions to Chester Cathedral (1882); St Andrew's Church, Worthing, West Sussex (1882); St Luke's Church, Queen's Park, Brighton, Sussex (1882–85); additions to and refurbishment of St Stephen's Church, North Mundham, West Sussex (1883); St Andrew, Stoke Newington (1883–84); the Great Hall, Charterhouse School (1884); St Leodegar's Church, Hunston, Sussex (1885); St. restoration of Wistan's Church, Repton (1885–86); additions to Wellington College, Berkshire (1886); St. Alban's Anglican Church, Copenhagen, Denmark (1886); St Germanus' Church, Faulkbourne, Essex (1886); St Andrew's Church, Leytonstone, Essex (1886–93); Royal Memorial Church of St George, Cannes, Frane (1886–92); St Mary's Church, Walmer, Kent (1887); rebuilding of Minster Church of St Denys, Warminster, Wiltshire (1887–89); St David's Church Bangor, Gwynedd, Wales (1888); St Mary's Church, Rostherne, Cheshire (1888); All Saints' Church, Leatherhead, Surrey (1888); St Mark's parish church, Bourne End,

Buckinghamshire (1889); Bancroft's School, Woodford Green, Essex (1889); additions to St Stephen's Church, Brighton (1889); Eton College, Buckinghamshire: Lower Chapel and Queen's Schools (1889–91); All Souls Church, Hastings, Sussex (1890); additions to All Saints' Blackheath (1890 and 1899); St Cyprian's Church, Brockley, London (1890); Christ Church Cathedral, Falkland Islands (1890–92); Oxford House, Bethnal Green, London (1891); St Mary's parish church, Liss, Hampshire (1892); Magdalen College School, Oxford (1893–94); West Sussex County Asylum, Chichester, West Sussex (1894–97); The Catholic Church of Our Lady and St Edward the Confessor, Lyndhurst, Hants (1894–96); Epsom College Chapel, Surrey (1895); St Werburgh's Church, Derby (1895) St Mary's Church, Swansea, Glamorgan, Wales (1896); additions to St Michael's Church, Macclesfield, Cheshire (1898–1901); additions to All Saints Church, Leamington Spa (1898–1902); additions to Wellington College, Berkshire (1899); St Saviour's Church of Ireland parish church, Coolgreaney Road, Arklow, County Wicklow (1899); and Glenesk Mausoleum, East Finchley Cemetery, Barnet (1899).

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