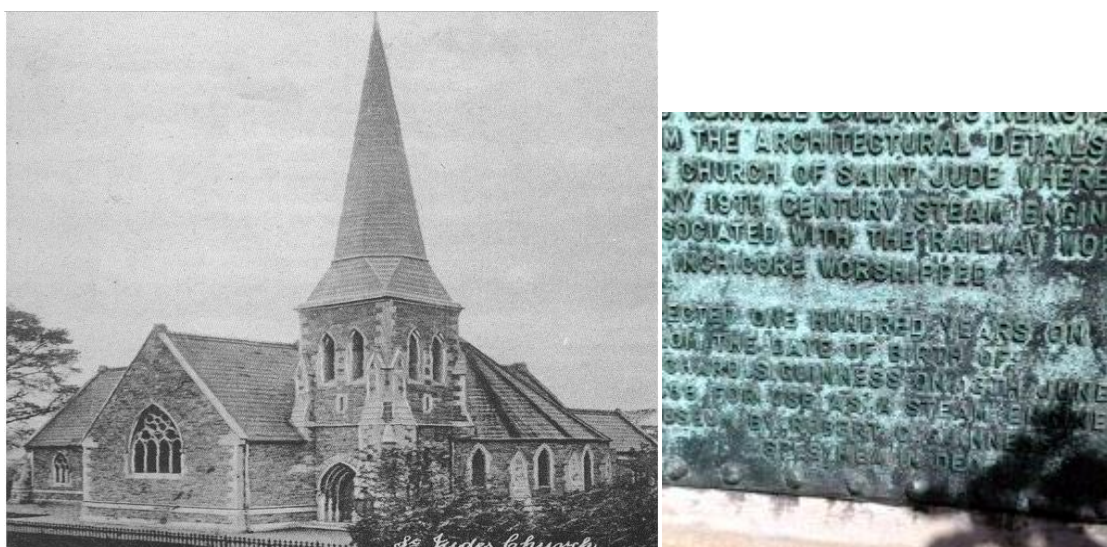


St. Jude's Church - Kilmainham



St Jude's Church - Kilmainham was built between 1862 and 1864 designed by Welland and Gillespie and cost four thousand pounds (see <http://www.dia.ie/>) . It was demolished in 1988 and the stone from the body of the church was reused at the Straffan Steam museum, owned by a member of the Guinness family in Co. Kildare. The Foundation stone was laid by Archbishop Whately of Stillorgan. The church itself was built due to a strong congregation bolstered by the arrival of Great Southern & Western Railway Works employees and was bolstered again during WW1 when servicemen were stationed at the nearby Richmond barracks.

The Rev. Thomas Mills, who was there at the inception, died aged 78, on the 27th of January 1900 and there is mention of his family looking for the return of the organ. The church had opened with a harmonium in use and the family insisted that the £400 donated by Rev. Mills was for the purchase of the organ, but the select vestry decided that they it had cost more than that in maintenance.

In 1904 a window was installed, designed by Arthur Louis Moore but by the 1950's the parish was in decline and in 1953 there was an attempt to burn down the parochial hall by vandals.

1988 saw an injunction against the demolition and it was picketed and occupied for 6 months but to no avail. Now all that remains in situ is the lone spire.

www.irishgenealogy.ie has 382 baptisms listed but not digitised and the RCB Library have the following registers and minutes.

Baptisms 1857 to 1982

Marriages 1861 to 1981

Vestry minutes 1871 – 1970

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