



### **St Peter's C of I Church, Aungier Street**

First reference found to St Peter's dates is from the 13th Century. Then in 1371 Pope Gregory said '...all who should contribute to the restoration of the Parish Church of St. Peter's on the Hill, without the walls of Dublin....'

A new Church was built in 1685 to replace the ruin of St Peter Del Hille Church, which lay on the north of the current site within the triangle formed by Great Longford St., Upper Stephen St and Aungier St. "In 1625 Sir Francis Aungier obtained a grant to the Whitefriars' estates. A later Francis Aungier (created Earl of Longford) started developing the area and while building Aungier Street in 1677 also contributed to the building of the church, which was completed in 1685. The church took the place of the two older churches, both falling into ruin." Dublin 1666–1866, by Maurice Craig

In the vestry minutes (1686-1736) there is mention of lease calling it Peter Delamont in 1721 and that David La Touche '... enclosed the ground at his own expense.' in 1729.

"The church was enlarged in 1772 and rebuilt in 1867 in the Gothic style and the original nave walls were retained". The Dublin City Churches of the Church of Ireland, by H.A. Wheeler & M.J. Craig, 1948. More seating and the north transept were added in 1773 and it was then renovated between 1864-7 by the architect Edward Henry Carson. ([www.dia.ie](http://www.dia.ie))

James Godkin in *Ireland and her Churches*, 1867 refers to it as 'an ugly old building standing in a graveyard is now being renovated...'

In 1860 the population of the area was approximately 58,000 of which 14,000 were Church of Ireland but the death knell was sounded following the dismantling of civil parishes. By 1950 there was a major population decline and it closed for worship on Sunday 28th September 1975 following a service given by the Rev. Canon Richard Dowse. The property was then sold to the Young Men's Christian Association in 1980.

The RCB Library hold the following registers:-

Baptisms 1669-1974

Marriages 1670-1975

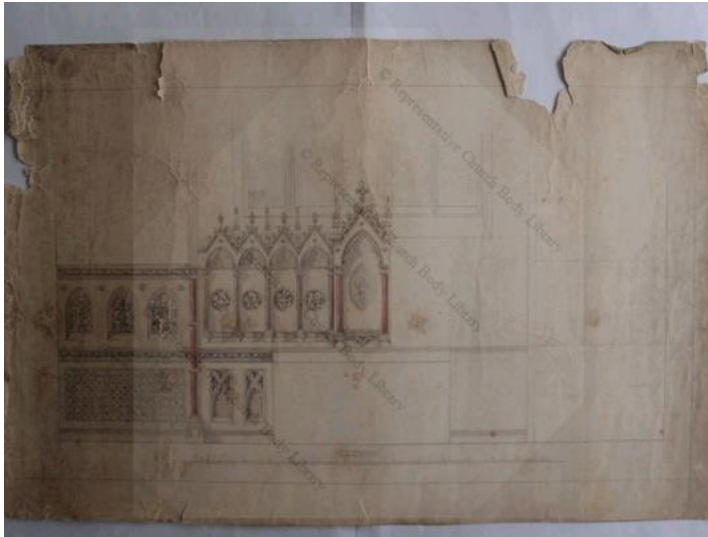
Burials 1670-1883

www.irishgenealogy.ie have over 70,000 entries online but these are not digitised.

Baptisms 1669 - 1900

Marriages 1169 - 1900

Burials 1667 - 1910



<http://archdrawing.ireland.anglican.org/items/show/2687>

The RCB Library have some beautiful architectural drawings of the buildings, including this one of the reredos which is believed to have been stored at the derelict St. Luke's Church in the Coombe which was set on fire in 1986. A window from the church may have been installed in the YMCA building but that has yet to be verified. The organ was dismantled in 1977 and moved to St Michael's (RC) in Blackrock, Co. Cork.

