

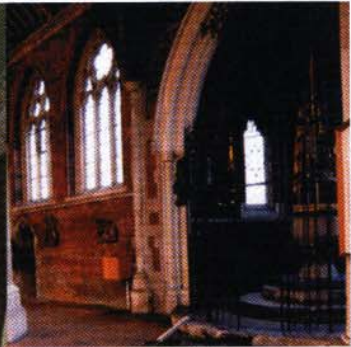
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St John the Divine, Kennington

St John the Divine, Kennington, GE Street's late masterpiece, was severely smoke-damaged following a fire over Christmas 2001. The entire building had to be specially cleaned and restored. GQA executed meticulous repair and conservation of a wide variety of different features of the Church, ranging from the brickwork and stained glass windows of the building's fabric to its historic contents, including the priceless 'Arts and Crafts' vestments. Other specialised cleaning involved the painted ceiling, the wrought iron screen, various wooden sculptures, antique

furniture, wall paintings, encaustic tiles and parquet flooring. The nave arcading, along with the grand west and east arches, was limewashed to give a consistent colour to match the original stonework. The south chapel was also redecorated; a new lighting system installed and the external cast-iron rainwater gutters with their purpose made castellated hopper heads repaired. The fire damage, which was restricted to the baptistry area, involved stonework repair and reinstatement of damaged parquet flooring.

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Client:
Father Denis Bradshaw
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Main Contractor:
Ark and General



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