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# ST JUDE'S CHURCH KENSINGTON







**01 // Client**

Holy Trinity Brompton

**02 // Principle Contractor**

DBR (London) Limited

**03 // Listed Building Status**

Grade II\*

**04 // Architect**

HMDW

**05 // Fabric**

Bathstone and Kentish Ragstone

**06 // Scope of Work**

St Judes Church was designed by architects George Godwin and Henry Godwin, and built between 1867–70; the tower and spire were constructed in 1879.

The Bath Stone and Kentish Ragstone were heavily soiled with sulphurous deposits. The heavy clinker was removed carefully by masons' hand tools. This was followed by two passes of steam cleaning and whilst the soiling was softened by steam, the Jos wet vortex cleaning system was used to gently remove the more stubborn deposits. All cleaning work was carried out by DBR's highly skilled stone cleaners with preparation work undertaken by DBR's skilled stonemasons.

Replacement of eroded bath stone dressings including the spire lucarnes, ashlar stonework, string courses, clock surrounds, gablets and buttresses.

The project required a great deal of the stonework installation to be worked to full size templates on site. Lead dressings have also been introduced to the string courses.

The project also included the replacement of glass louvres and quatrefoil windows, stabilisation of the weather vane and spire tension rods, and the installation of structural strengthening to the spire internally by lime grouting and cramping to resist displacement that has occurred.

**07 // Value**

£1.2 million

**08 // Contract Period**

15 months