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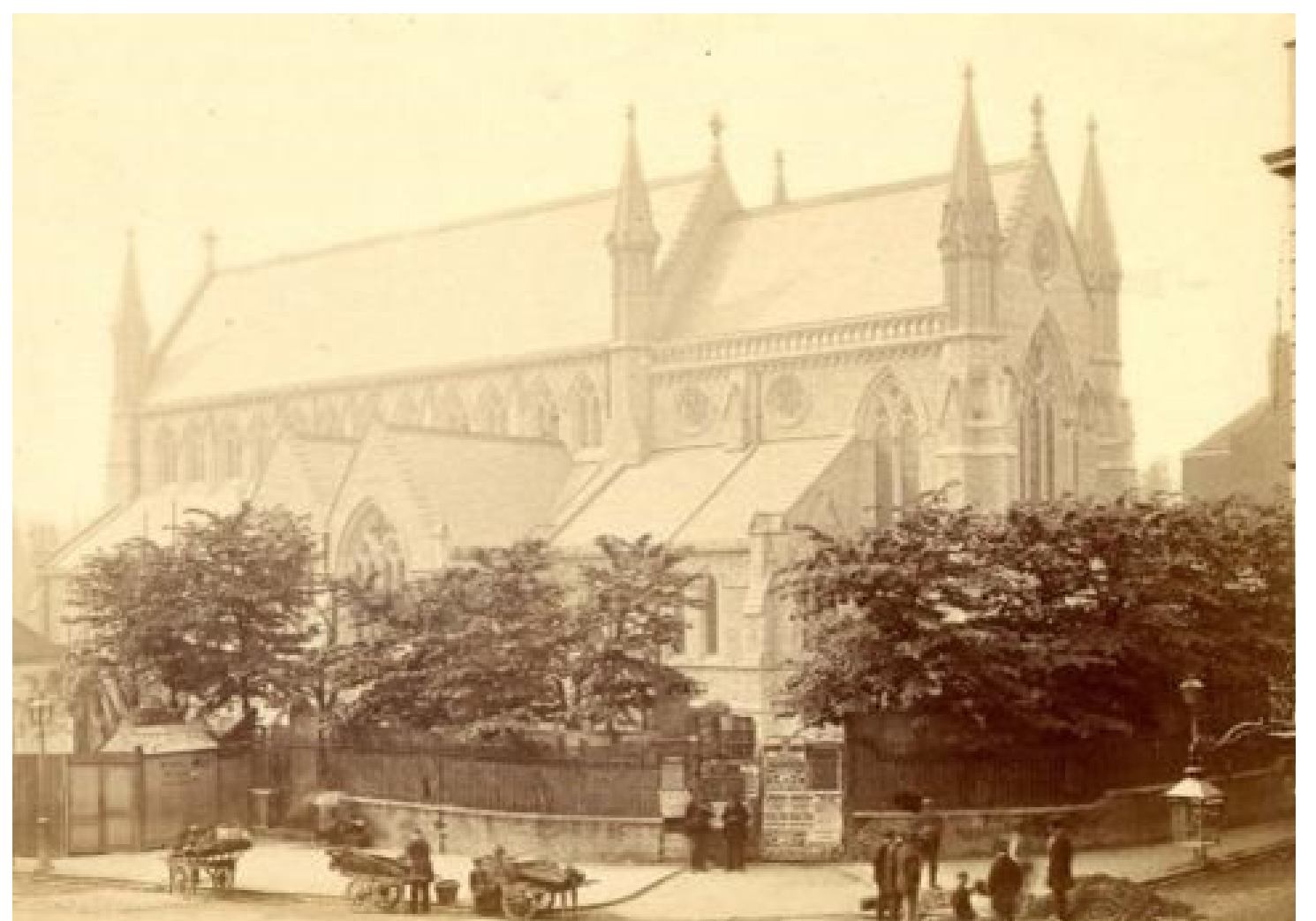
In early 1868, the Vicar of Kensington, Archdeacon Sinclair, commissioned Sir George Gilbert Scott to produce a sketch design of the new Kensington parish church. Scott was probably the most famous and most sought after architect of his day. Scott's first estimate of the cost was for £35,000, though the final figure was closer to £50,000. This was raised by its parishioners. The main building of the church was finished in 1872 and consecrated on 14th May of that year. The spire and tower were not completed until seven and a half years later, a year after Scott's death.

Sir Gilbert Scott's design for St Mary Abbots

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For our 150th Anniversary projects we intend to install a permanent disabled ramp at the cloister entrance to the church, with a long term project to improve access to facilities in the church and the lighting of the spire and church yard.

If you have enjoyed this Exhibition and would like to contribute to this historical and beautiful church, the treasures of which we have only briefly touched upon, then please visit our website www.stmaryabbots.org.uk to find out more about the church, its services, charity fundraising and social events or donate while you are in the church or online.



Photograph of the church before the spire was added

We hope that you have enjoyed your visit and will come back and see us again soon.