

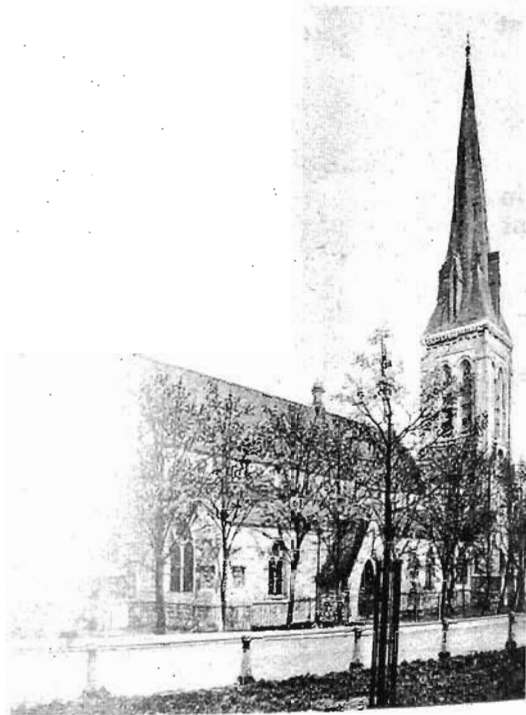


66. The Rev. John Thomas, the first Vicar of St Michael's, Wood Green.

St Gabriel's, on the corner of Bounds Green Road and Durnsford Road, consecrated on 10 May 1906, while the original church became its parish hall and was eventually demolished in the 1930s to make way for a shopping precinct. The church prospered and a new hall adjacent to St Gabriel's was opened in 1937, but from the 1970s dwindling congregations and economies ultimately forced its closure in 1982 and dual use was made of the church hall; the church was demolished in 1983 and the hall a few years later. In 1982 the parish came under the St Michael's team ministry and the site of St Gabriel's has since been redeveloped, partly for housing, but a new church has yet to be built.

St Mark's, Noel Park, designed by Roland Plunbe, was consecrated in 1889; the adjacent church hall was built a few years earlier. In 1903, St Mark's had the highest Sunday attendance of all the Anglican churches in Wood Green.

St John's Mission Church in Brook Road was



67. St Michael's Church c.1906. It shows the church as completed in 1874, viewed from the south-west.

dedicated on 25 April 1898 in an area considered in particular need of salvation. Day-to-day running of the mission was taken over by the Church Army in 1929 and during the last war services were shared with the Salvation Army whose Citadel in nearby Mayes Road had been bombed. The mission building remains today but is in commercial use.

To the west the district chapel of St Saviour, Alexandra Park Road, was created. A corrugated iron-clad church was dedicated on 11 January 1900 and replaced by a permanent building, designed by J.S. Alder, in February 1909. This was closed in 1993, demolished and replaced by a private housing development in 1998, but the war memorial erected in 1919 remains a permanent feature of the new estate.

St Andrew's, another iron church erected in 1900 on the corner of Alexandra Park Road and Windermere Road, just inside the Wood Green boundary, began as a mission church in 1899 meeting in the Norwegian House, a wooden building previously a restaurant in Alexandra Park. A new parish was created for it in March 1901 and a permanent church in red-brick