

Hannen Mausoleum

Lutyens has made use of a wide range of materials to enrich the neo-Byzantine design of this small building. In addition to the red brick and tiled decoration, there is interlaced stonework in the lunettes, a pierced iron door with a pair of peacocks carved in low relief to either side of it and, over the door, a square recess containing a figure of a cherub holding a swag. The interior has a dome lined with ceramic tiles and a pattern of interlaced bricks on the floor. The frieze running round the walls is inscribed with the words HE IS NOT THE GOD OF THE DEAD BUT OF THE LIVING FOR ALL LIVE UNTO HIM.

Churchyard of St Mary
Wargrave
Berkshire
RG10 8EU
England

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Architects

Sir Edwin Lutyens

Year Built

1906

Style

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Listing

Grade II* (England and Wales)

Condition

Good (2011).

History

Sir Nicholas John Hannen (1842-1900) of Lake Lodge, Wargrave, and Shanghai, China, had a distinguished legal career in China and Japan. He was in private practice in Shanghai from 1868 to 1871 and 1874 to 1881. He was Acting Deputy Judge in Yokohama between 1871 and 1874. Between 1878 and 1881 he was the Crown Advocate in Shanghai, and, between 1881 and 1891 was judge of the British Court for Japan. Between 1891 and 1900 he was Chief Justice of the British Supreme Court for China and Japan in Shanghai serving concurrently between 1891 and 1897 as the Consul-General there. He was knighted at Windsor Castle in 1895. Following his death in Shanghai in 1900, his body was cremated and his ashes brought back to England where, some seven years later, they were placed in the columbarium. The St Mary's Church records show the following other Hannens are placed in the Columbarian: Athene Hannen, buried 13 Nov 1990 aged 101 Delia Ellie Mary Hannen, buried 4 July 1975 aged 103 Edward Charles Hannen, buried 17 Feb 1909 aged 74 Lancelot Hannen buried 28 Aug 1942 aged 76 Lancelot Cecil Derek Hannen buried 12 Mar 1969 aged 74 Nigel Methuen Ben Hannen buried 28 Nov 1980 aged 81

Sources

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J Foster, Men-at-the-Bar: a Biographical Hand-list (1885), 201;

DNB;

The Times, Obituary, 28 April, 1900.

Photos





Location

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