

## Two Cemeteries in East Finchley

*This walk connects East Finchley's two cemeteries, allowing you to do one or both, with two interconnections to create a circular walk. Maps of the cemeteries and routes are shown overleaf*

- Connecting option 1 1.2 km
- Connecting option 2 1.7 km
- East Finchley Cemetery walk 2.7 km
- Islington & Camden Cemetery walk 3.9 km
- Total distance 9.5 km

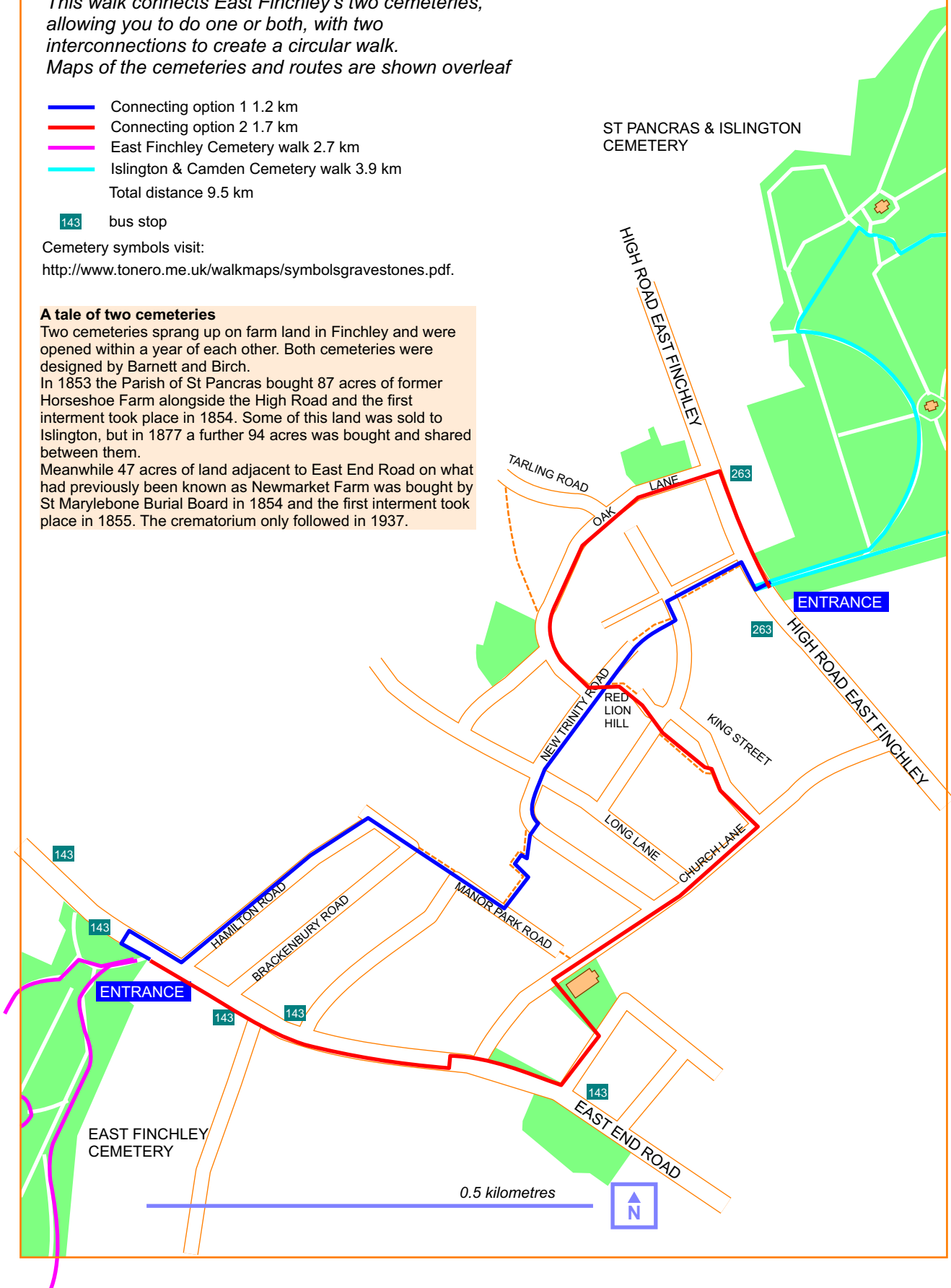
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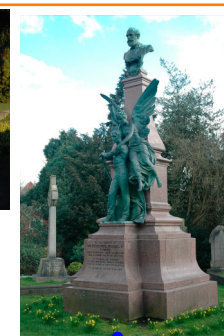
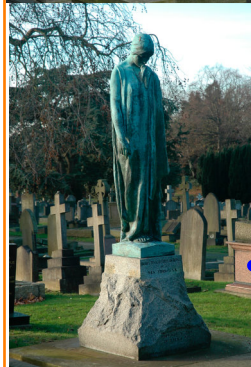
Cemetery symbols visit:

<http://www.tonero.me.uk/walkmaps/symbolsgravestones.pdf>.

### A tale of two cemeteries

Two cemeteries sprang up on farm land in Finchley and were opened within a year of each other. Both cemeteries were designed by Barnett and Birch. In 1853 the Parish of St Pancras bought 87 acres of former Horseshoe Farm alongside the High Road and the first interment took place in 1854. Some of this land was sold to Islington, but in 1877 a further 94 acres was bought and shared between them. Meanwhile 47 acres of land adjacent to East End Road on what had previously been known as Newmarket Farm was bought by St Marylebone Burial Board in 1854 and the first interment took place in 1855. The crematorium only followed in 1937.





## Listed Monuments

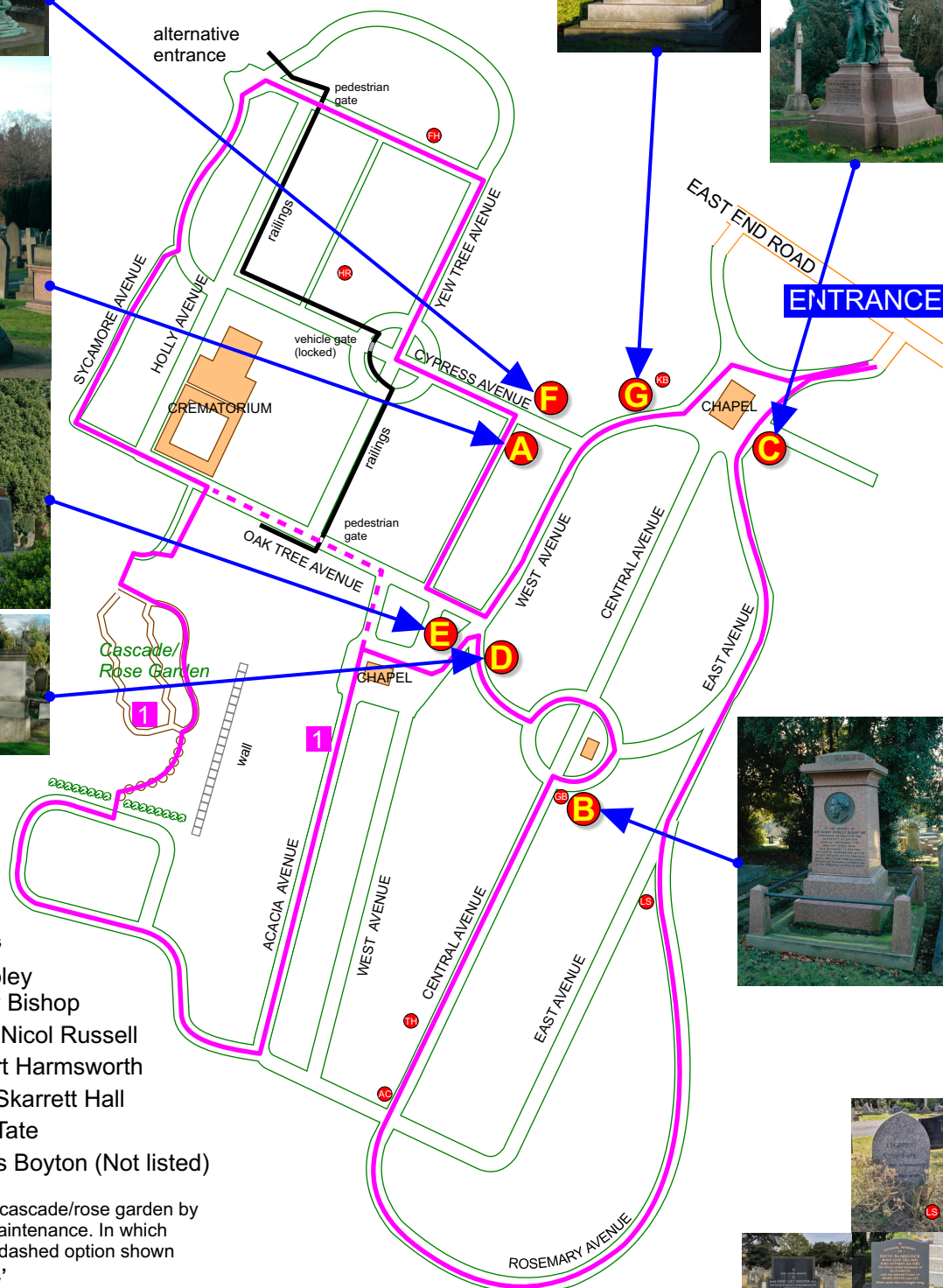
- A Harry Ripley
- B Sir Henry Bishop
- C Sir Peter Nicol Russell
- D Sir Robert Harmsworth
- E Thomas Skarrett Hall
- F Thomas Tate
- G Sir James Boyton (Not listed)

**1** Sometimes the cascade/rose garden by be closed for maintenance. In which case follow the dashed option shown

## Notable 'residents'

George & Titus Barham - Founders of College Farm, owners of Express Dairies GB  
 Jeremy Beadle - TV presenter (cremated here, buried Highgate Cemetery)  
 Harry Beck - originator of Underground map  
 Sir Henry Bishop - Professor of Music at Oxford and operatic composer  
 Keith Blakelock - Police Constable murdered in Tottenham riot KB  
 Sir Austen Chamberlain - Foreign Secretary, son of Joseph and brother of Neville AC  
 Thomas Skarrett Hall - foundation investor in the Mount Morgan mine, Queensland, Australia  
 Alfred Harmsworth, 1st Viscount Northcliffe - Founder of the Daily Mail  
 Sir Robert Harmsworth - Newspaper Publisher with a memorial by Edwin Lutyens  
 Fanny Houston - Right-wing character, inheritor, benefactor, supporter of the Spitfire FH  
 Humphrey Lyttelton - English jazz musician and broadcaster (cremated)  
 Thomas Henry Huxley - Scientist, Darwin's bulldog TH  
 Sidney Paget - Illustrator of Arthur Conan Doyle's Sherlock Holmes stories  
 W. Heath Robinson - Artist and cartoonist HR  
 Henry Charles Stephens - Ink magnate, philanthropist and local MP  
 Leopold Stokowski - Conductor LS  
 William Bernhardt Tegetmeier - English naturalist, bee keeper  
 Kenneth Williams - Actor and comedian (cremated)

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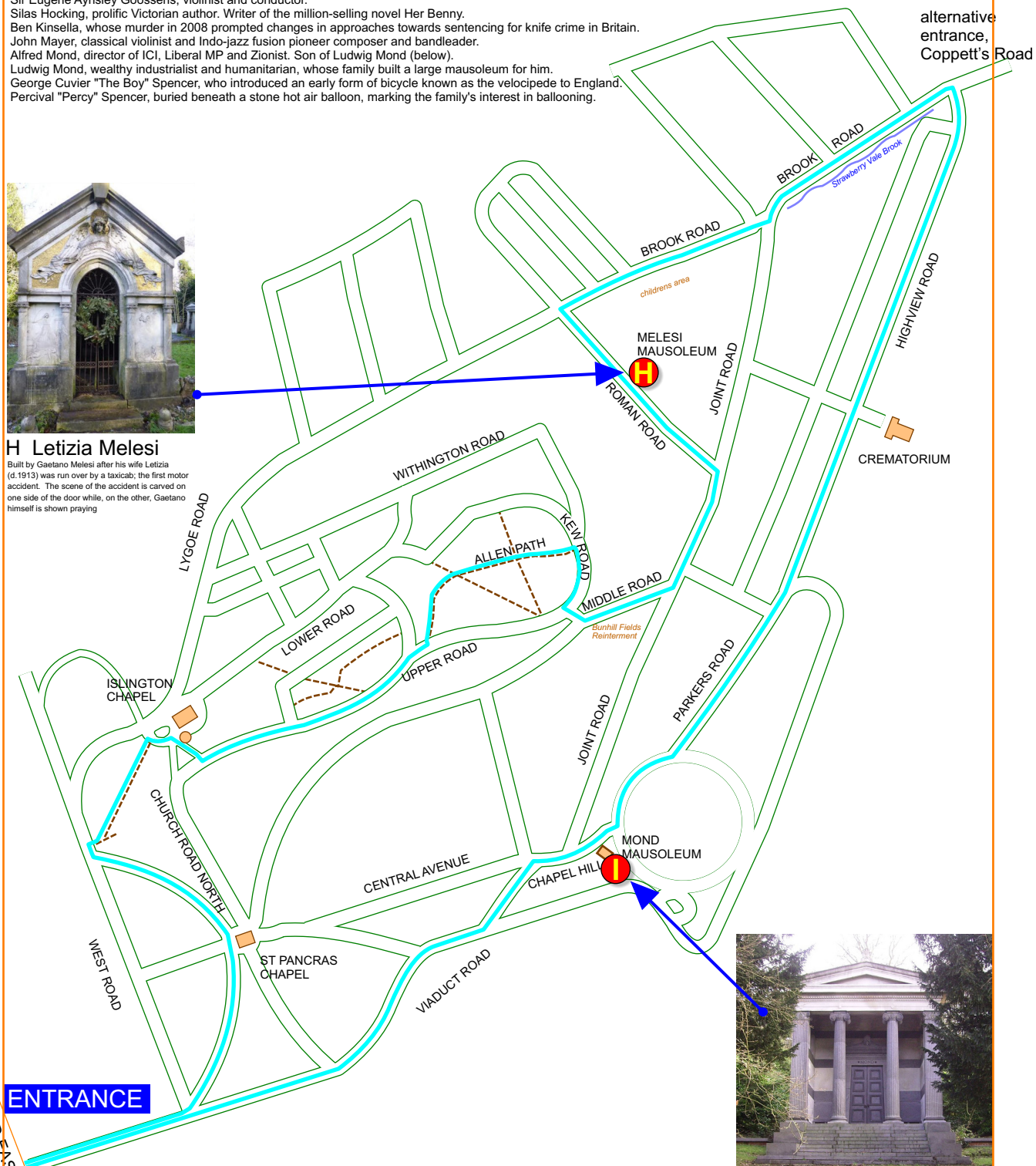
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Henri d'Alcorn (born George Henry Stannard Allcorn), composer of 'La Varsoviana' (Ta-ra-ra-boom-de-ay)  
 Mathilde Blind German-born English poet, fiction writer, biographer, essayist and literary critic.  
 Ford Madox Brown, Pre-Raphaelite artist.  
 Cora Henrietta Crippen, wife and victim of notorious murderer Dr. Crippen  
 Henry Croft, first "Pearly King". The grave marker is now in the crypt of St Martin-in-the-Fields.  
 Margaret Fairchild, subject of The Lady in the Van  
 Sir Eugene Aynsley Goossens, violinist and conductor.  
 Silas Hocking, prolific Victorian author. Writer of the million-selling novel Her Benny.  
 Ben Kinsella, whose murder in 2008 prompted changes in approaches towards sentencing for knife crime in Britain.  
 John Mayer, classical violinist and Indo-jazz fusion pioneer composer and bandleader.  
 Alfred Mond, director of ICI, Liberal MP and Zionist. Son of Ludwig Mond (below).  
 Ludwig Mond, wealthy industrialist and humanitarian, whose family built a large mausoleum for him.  
 George Cuvier "The Boy" Spencer, who introduced an early form of bicycle known as the velocipede to England.  
 Percival "Percy" Spencer, buried beneath a stone hot air balloon, marking the family's interest in ballooning.



### H Letizia Melesi

Built by Gaetano Melesi after his wife Letizia (d.1913) was run over by a taxicab; the first motor accident. The scene of the accident is carved on one side of the door while, on the other, Gaetano himself is shown praying



### I Ludwig Mond

Ludwig Mond (1839-1909) was born in Kassel, Germany, but became a British citizen in 1880. An extremely successful industrial chemist, he was one of the founders of Brunner, Mond and Co, later ICI. He was a deeply cultured man who greatly enjoyed the company of writers and artists. When he died, he bequeathed many early Italian and Renaissance paintings to the National Gallery.

Some of the cemetery occupies land originally destined as a reservoir for the Regents Canal Company until the Company drained it and moved to the Welsh Harp. St Pancras and Islington cemeteries together form the third largest single cemetery serving London and in burial numbers, is the largest in the UK with around one million interments and cremations. The original anglican chapel served both parishes until 1896 when a new chapel was built by St Mary Islington, an Arts and Crafts Gothic building in brick and stone with a timber cupola, designed by Forsyth and Maule. The Crematorium was built in 1937, designed by Albert Freeman.

# St Pancras and Islington Cemetery