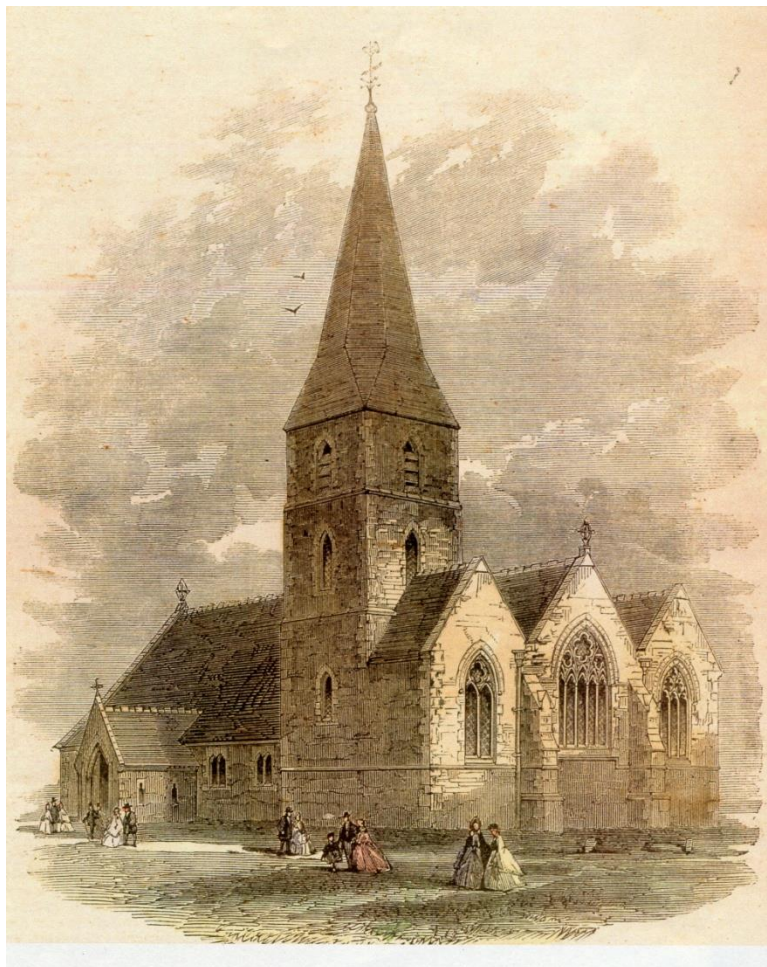


A Gas Leak in Birchington Church

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At a service on Christmas morning there was a good congregation. In the evening the Rev. C. Wilkie (Curate at St Peter's) preached, but there could be no collection as an accident through a gentleman putting his foot on a pipe which conveyed gas to the gas stove and wrenched off the tap, there was such an escape of gas that the congregation began to leave and the smell of gas became so unbearable that the Vicar thought it advisable to bring the service to a termination.

[Presumably before there was also a 'termination' of the whole of the remaining congregation!!!]



All Saints Church in c. 1870