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Pair of English Gothic Revival Brass Candlesticks, Circa 1840

£245

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Height: 40 cm (15.7")

Diameter: 15 cm (5.9")

Description

A handsome pair of English Gothic Revival brass ecclesiastical candlesticks, dating to circa 1840. Boldly proportioned and richly detailed, they reflect the renewed appreciation for medieval craftsmanship and church furnishing that defined the early Victorian Gothic Revival.

Each candlestick is constructed in warm, polished brass, with a tall stem rising from a substantial stepped base. Their architectural outlines, crisp moulded details, and strong vertical emphasis draw directly on the language of Gothic church design, recalling the metalwork used on altars and within chancels during the medieval period. The restrained ornament allows the quality of the form and the lustre of the brass to take centre stage.

Produced during a period of widespread restoration and rebuilding of English churches, candlesticks of this type would have been made for ecclesiastical use, whether for an altar, chapel, or private devotional setting. Their design embodies the ideals of the Gothic Revival: reverence for historical form, excellent craftsmanship, and a belief that everyday objects could possess both beauty and spiritual significance.

Now equally successful in an interior setting, the pair would bring warmth, height, and historical character to a mantelpiece, dining table, hall, library, or console. Displayed with taper candles, they make an impressive decorative statement; as a pair, they offer a particularly pleasing sense of balance and symmetry.

A fine and atmospheric example of early Victorian ecclesiastical metalwork, ideal for collectors of Gothic Revival furnishings, antique brass, and 19th-century English decorative arts.

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