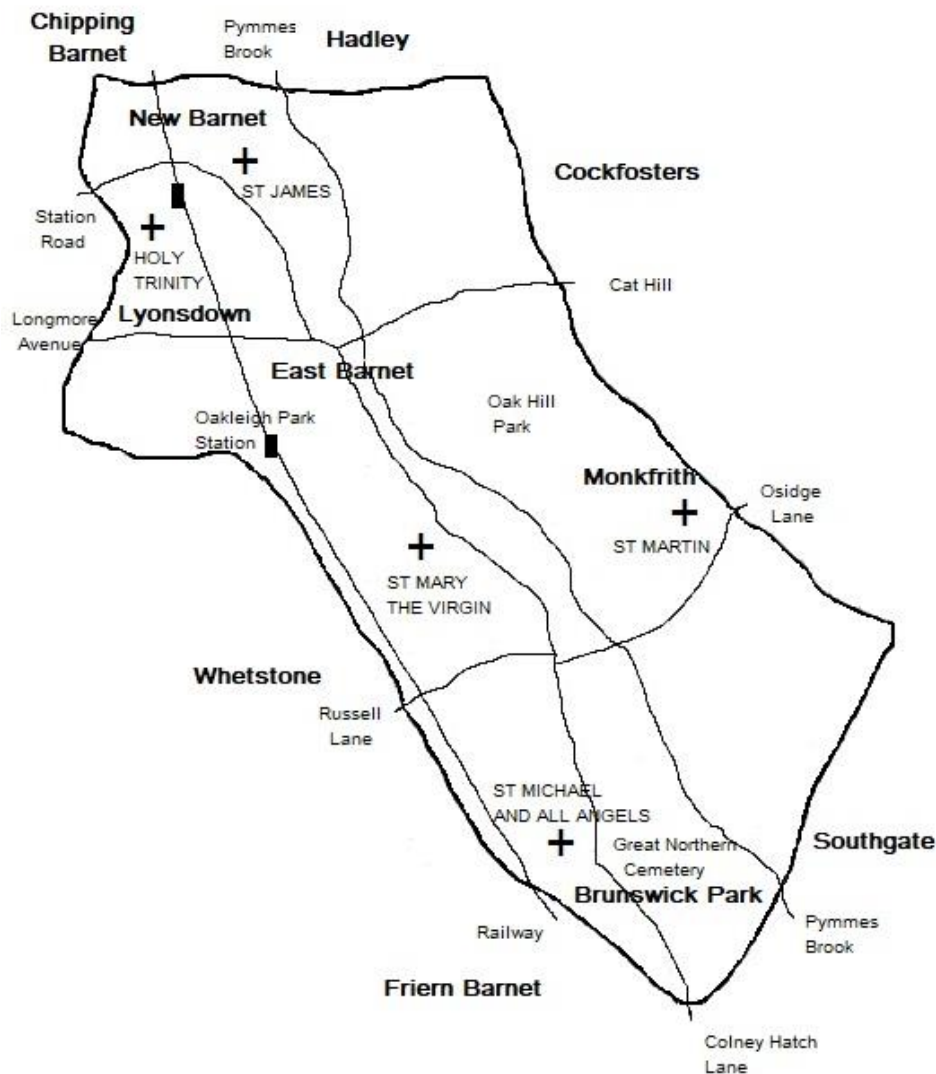




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EAST BARNET

East Barnet was an ancient parish in the county of Hertfordshire, where it formed part of the Cashio hundred. East Barnet became part of East Barnet Valley local government district from 1863, which was reconstituted as East Barnet Valley Urban District Council in 1894. It was renamed East Barnet in 1935 and became part of the new London Borough of Barnet in 1964.



East Barnet is a long, narrow parish lying about 10 miles north of London and 1 mile east of the Great North Road (the main highway which led from London to Scotland). Historically East Barnet, along with Totteridge and parts of Chipping Barnet, were in the county of Hertfordshire and formed a spur which drove deep into Middlesex. For this reason the parish was in the hundred of Cashio, which was centred on St Albans. The name 'East Barnet' does not appear in *Domesday* but is recorded to have been in use by 1294. East Barnet village itself grew up at the bottom of a hill where a bridge crossed Pymme's Brook. This stream rises from underground springs at Hadley Common and flows down the centre of the parish on its way to join the River Lee Navigation at Tottenham. The bridge was known as 'Katebrygge', perhaps meaning 'cattle bridge', which gave rise to the names of nearby Cat Hill).

The Society has produced a Parish Guide to East Barnet which includes further information about the churches below as well as nonconformist and other denominations.



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St Mary, Church Hill Road, East Barnet



This 11th century church (which is the oldest surviving building in Barnet) was repaired and extended in the early seventeenth century and again in 1868. The tower was added in 1828 and the lych gate in 1872, although this was rebuilt in 1991.

Records of the parish of Saint Mary, East Barnet, including baptism registers (1553-1987); marriage registers (1582-1980) and burial registers (1568-1960) are at Hertfordshire Local Studies and Archives.

Holy Trinity, Lyonsdown Road, New Barnet



This church was built in 1864 and had its own parish (called Lyonsdown) some 5 years later, which was taken from that of Chipping Barnet.

Records of the parish of Holy Trinity, Lyonsdown, including baptism registers (1866-2007); marriage registers (1866-2007) and burial registers (1866-2007) are at Hertfordshire Local Studies and Archives.

St James, East Barnet Road, New Barnet



This started as a tin church in the parish of Lyonsdown, with a more permanent structure being completed in the early 20th century.

Records of the parish of St James, East Barnet Road, including baptism registers (1901-1957) and marriage registers (1911-1974) are at Hertfordshire Local Studies and Archives.



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St Martin Monkfrith, Brookside South



This church was built by subscription from local people as a chapel of ease to St Mary. It was sold to the Jewish community in 1965 and is now a nursery.

There do not appear to be any separate registers for this church and it seems likely that any events which happened here will be recorded in the registers of St Mary, East Barnet. Correspondence, papers and press cuttings regarding the closure of the chapel dated 1958-1965 are at Hertfordshire Local Studies and Archives,

St Michael and All Angels, Brunswick Park

A mission was founded in 1896 and this church was built in 1902 on the newly built Brunswick Park estate. In 1906 it was assigned a parish – Barnet South. In 1972 this parish was united with St Paul, New Southgate and St Michael's church was closed and later demolished.

Records of the parish of St Michael and All Angels, including baptism registers (1896-1971); and marriage registers (1906-1971) are at London Metropolitan Archives, Ref: DRO/034

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