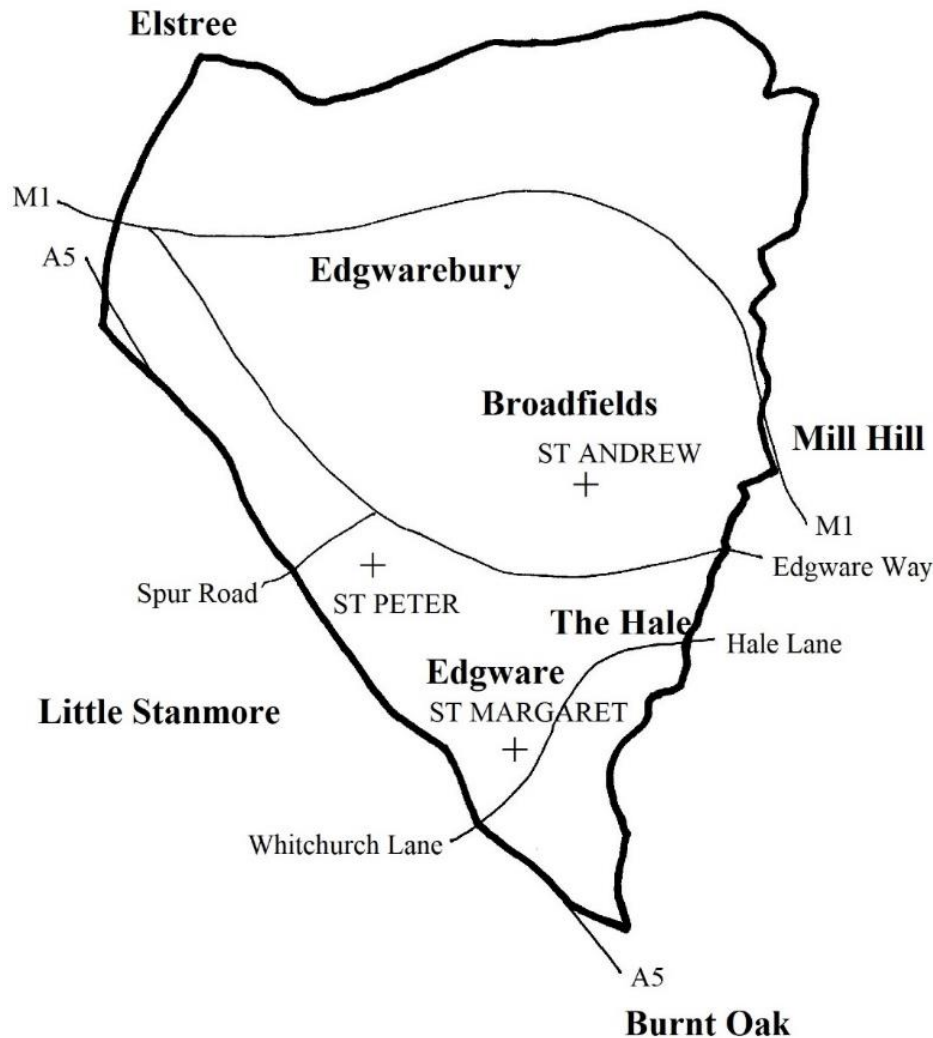




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EDGWARE

Edgware was an ancient parish on the northernmost edge of the county of Middlesex, where it formed part Gore hundred subdivision. Civil parishes took over from ancient parishes in the 1860s and Edgware became part of Hendon Rural District in 1894. In 1931 it became part of the Municipal Borough of Hendon and when the London Boroughs were created in 1964, Edgware became mainly part of the London Borough of Barnet.



The name 'Edgware' is of Saxon origin and means the weir or pond of Ecgi. The first recorded mention of Edgware is in a document dated 1422, when it is written as 'Eggeswer'. The parish is located some 10 miles (16 km) north of Charing Cross and directly east of the important ancient route known as Watling Street (the west side of the road being the parish of Little Stanmore). The northern border of the ancient parish follows Grim's Dyke, an earthwork thought to have been built by the Catuvellauni people as a defence against the Romans, and forms the boundary between Middlesex and Hertfordshire. The village of Elstree up here is shared with Little Stanmore parish

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



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St Margaret, Station Road, Edgware



The first mention of a church at Edgware occurs in the 13th century. The tower was probably constructed some 200 years after this and is the oldest surviving part of the current building. Since then, the church has been refurbished and enlarged on several occasions. It is dedicated to St Margaret of Antioch. The earlier parish registers do not appear to have survived. Records of the parish include baptisms (1717-1958), marriages (1717-1976), burials (1717-1969) and are at London Metropolitan Archives, Ref: DRO/011.

St Andrew, Lynford Gardens, Broadfield, Edgware

St Andrew's congregations meet in a multi-purpose building which was constructed as a mission church in order to provide a church for the local community on the Broadfields estate in 1937. No registers have not been deposited at LMA.

St Peter, Hayling Way, Stonegrove, Edgware



This church was built in 1962 as a mission church to St Margaret, to serve the new housing estate at Stonegrove at that time. No registers have been deposited at LMA so perhaps are still at the church. There is a detailed history of the church including personal reminiscences on the St Peter's website.

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