EDMONTON

Edmonton was an ancient parish in the county of Middlesex, where it formed part of the Edmonton hundred. Edmonton Local Board took over in 1850 and Edmonton became an Urban District in 1894, a Municipal Borough in 1937 and then part of the London Borough of Enfield in 1965.
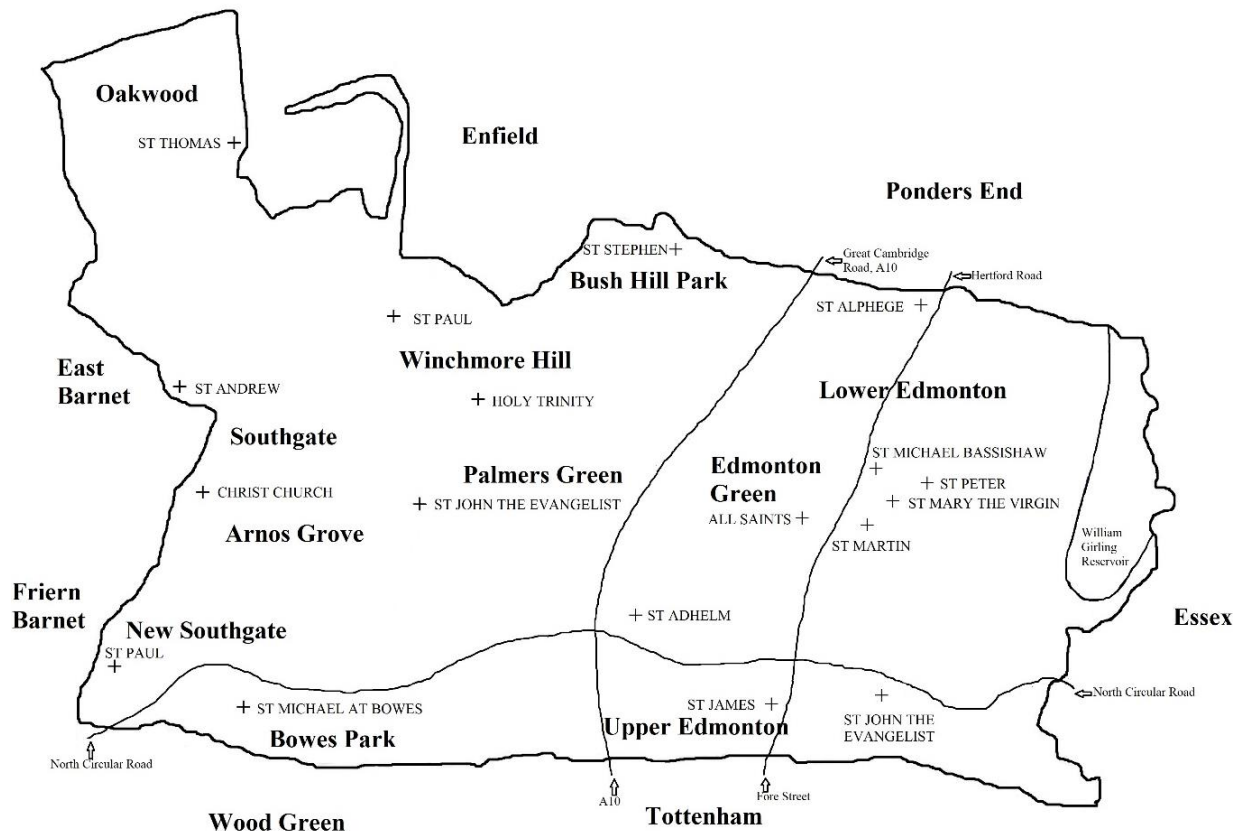
The boundaries of the ancient parish of Edmonton have changed over the centuries as parts of Enfield Chase were added or removed. The inhabitants of Edmonton had right of common upon Enfield Chase and when the Chase was divided, in 1777, a tract of 1,231 acres was allotted to the parish. Southgate became a separate local government entity in 1881. In 1965 Edmonton and Southgate were reunited as part of the London Borough of Enfield. Edmonton itself, recorded as Adelmetone in the 1089 *Domesday Book* and later as Edelmeton, is a village which straggles for nearly two miles along the road to Ware between Tottenham and Enfield. The Tottenham part of the village is called Upper Edmonton (now N18 postcodes) and the Enfield end Lower Edmonton (now N9 postcodes). This road is an ancient road, known since Roman times as Ermine Street it was then the main road from London heading north to Lincoln and on to York, more-or-less following the route of what is now Fore Street, the Hertford Road and then the Great Cambridge Road (A10). The road was crossed by several tributary streams of the River Lea and tolls were raised to repair and improve the road surface from the 14th century.

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

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All Saints, Church Street

This church is mentioned in 1136 when it was granted to Walden Abbey in Essex; after 1538 it was granted to St Paul's Cathedral. As the population of the parish grew, various daughter and mission churches were established which often grew into separate parishes: St Mary in 1883, St Peter in 1898, St Michael in 1901, St Aldhelm in 1903, St Stephen in 1907, St Martin in 1911 and St Alphege in 1954, some of whose registers are included in the All Saints' archive.

Records of the parish of All Saints, Edmonton, including registers of baptisms (1558-2001), marriages (1558-1993) and burials (1558-1954) are at London Metropolitan Archives. Ref: DRO/040.

Christ Church, The Green, Southgate

Christ Church was built in 1861 to replace the Weld Chapel, which had been demolished the year before. This church is Grade II* listed and has Pre-Raphaelite windows designed by William Morris's firm.

Records of the parish of Christ Church, Southgate, including registers of baptisms (1813-1949), marriages (1838-1957) and burials (1813-1939) are at London Metropolitan Archives. Ref: DRO/065.

Holy Trinity, Green Lanes, Winchmore Hill

This started in 1903 as a mission church of St Paul, Winchmore Hill and gained its own parish in 1913.

Records of the parish of Holy Trinity, Winchmore Hill, including registers of baptisms (1908-1991) and marriages (1908-1991) are at London Metropolitan Archives, Ref: DRO/044.

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St Aldhelm, Silver Street, Upper Edmonton

A tin tabernacle to cater for local people was built in 1895 with a permanent church following in 1903. The parish was taken from those of All Saints and St James.

Records of the parish of St Aldhelm including registers of baptisms (1903-2010), marriages (1903-2003) and more are at London Metropolitan Archives, Ref: DRO/204.

St Alphege, Hertford Road, Lower Edmonton

A mission church of All Saints was started here in 1897 with an iron chapel being built in 1903. The current Grade II listed church was built in a modern Swedish Gothic style by Sir Edward Maufe in 1959. Baptism registers (1901-1925) are held in the collection of All Saints at London Metropolitan Archives, Ref: DRO/040/J/

St Andrew, Chase Side, Southgate

This church conducted baptisms from 1905 although it was not consecrated until 1916. The church itself holds registers of baptisms since 1903 and of confirmations, banns and marriages from 1928 which are available for inspection, by appointment, at any reasonable time. St. Andrew's archivist will also entertain enquiries which may be answered from the general records. There is a small fee for any research. All requests should be made initially to the Vicar. The church can be contacted via their website: https://www.standrews-southgate.org/

St James, Fore Street, Upper Edmonton

A church was built here in 1850 with a parish assigned the next year. At first the church was dedicated to St Pancras. The church closed in 1981 and the building has been converted into flats.

Records of the parish of Saint James, Fore Street, comprising registers of baptisms (1851-1981) and marriages (1851-1978) are at London Metropolitan Archives, Ref: DRO/075 and ACC/3218.

St John the Evangelist, Dysons Road, Upper Edmonton

The foundation stone of this church was laid in 1905. In 1954 the parish merged with St Mary the Virgin, Lower Edmonton and is now St Mary with St John.

Records of the parish of St John the Evangelist, Dysons Road, including registers of baptisms (1901-1957) and marriages (1906-1972) are at London Metropolitan Archives, Ref: DRO/166.

St John the Evangelist, Palmers Green

This was built as a daughter church of Christ Church, Southgate in 1904.

Records of the parish of St John the Evangelist, Palmers Green, including registers of baptisms (1904-1957) and marriages (1906-1982) are at London Metropolitan Archives, Ref: DRO/177.

St Martin, Town Road, Lower Edmonton

Following ten years of worship in an iron building, this church was opened in 1911, its parish taken from those of All Saints and St Mary. In 1977 its parish was united with St Peter, Bounces Road. The building is now used by the Greek Orthodox Church and is known as St Demetrios.

Records of St Martin, Town Road, including registers of baptisms (1909-1977) and marriages (1911-1976) are at London Metropolitan Archives, Ref: DRO/062.

St Mary the Virgin Mission Church, Tottenhall

This was built in about 1905 as an iron mission church to St Michael at Bowes, in whose archive are baptisms from here dated 1906-1939. These are at London Metropolitan Archives, Ref: DRO.070-23.

St Mary the Virgin, Lawrence Road, Lower Edmonton

This church was built in 1884. The parish was joined to St John the Evangelist, Dysons Road in 1954. St Mary was demolished in 1957 and worship continued in the vicarage until this was also torn down and a new building, St Mary's Church Centre, constructed in its place in 1970.

Records of St Mary the Virgin, Lower Edmonton, including registers of baptisms (1883-1955) and marriages (1884-1955) are at London Metropolitan Archives, Ref: DRO/167.

St Michael Bassishaw, Bury Street, Edmonton

This church was built with the proceeds from the sale of St Michael Bassishaw in London and opened in 1901. The church was made redundant in 1982 and has now been converted into flats.

Records of St Michael Bassishaw, Bury Street, including registers of baptisms (1905-1975) and marriages (1903-1962) are at London Metropolitan Archives, Ref: DRO/203.

St Michael at Bowes

This parish was formed from those of Southgate and St Michael, Wood Green in 1874. It ran the mission churches of St Peter, Bounds Green, St Mary the Virgin, Tottenhall and St Michael, Wolves Lane, Tile Kiln Lane. In 1982 the parish joined Wood Green and the church was demolished in 1987.

Records of St Michael st Bowes, Southgate, including registers of baptisms (1874-1963), marriages (1874-1973) and burials (1889-1905 are at London Metropolitan Archives, Ref: DRO/070.

St Paul, Woodland Road, New Southgate
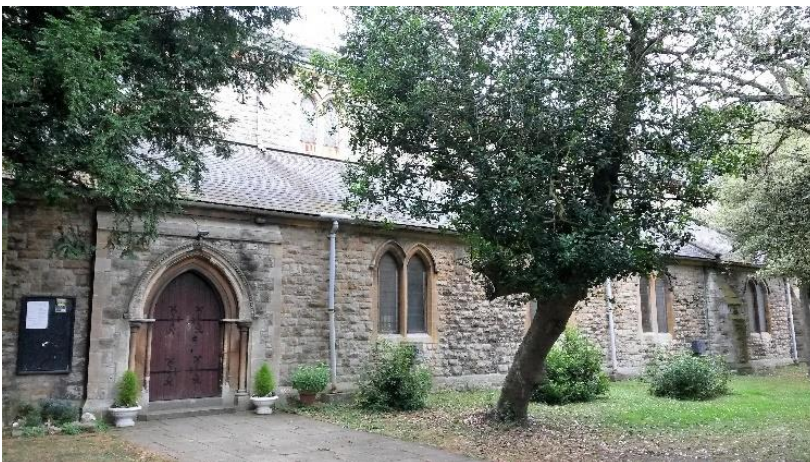
This new parish was created in 1873 from that part of Friern Barnet parish which lay east of the Great Northern Railway Line. It has since been united with St Michael's, Brunswick Park.

Records of St Paul, New Southgate, including registers of baptisms (1873-1961) and marriages (1874-1961) are at London Metropolitan Archives, Ref: DRO/031.

St Paul, Church Hill, Winchmore Hill

This church was built as a chapel of ease to All Saints in 1828. Baptisms from 1834-1842 are in the collection of All Saints at LMA, Ref: DRO/040/H/01/001; banns (1852-1949) and marriages (1838-1951) are at London Metropolitan Archives, Ref: DRO/163.

St Peter, Bounces Road, Lower Edmonton

An iron mission church was built in 1888. A parish was assigned ten years later, taken from that of All Saints. It was joined with St Martin, Edmonton in 1978.

Records of St Peter, Bounces Road, including baptisms (1897-1960) and marriages (1898-1974) are at London Metropolitan Archives, DRO/061.

St Peter's Mission Church, Bounds Green

This was established as a mission church to St Michael at Bowes, in whose archive these registers are held. These comprise baptisms (1888-1906) and they are at London Metropolitan Archives, Ref: DRO/070-21.

St Stephen, Park Avenue, Bush Hill Park

This started as a mission held in an iron church in 1901 with a stone church following in 1906 to serve the expanding population of Bush Hill Park on the Enfield border. Registers are not at LMA.

St Thomas, Oakwood

An iron chapel opened on Winchmore Hill Road in 1904 as a chapel of ease to St Paul, Winchmore Hill. The following stone church was built in 1939 at the junction of Prince George and Sheringham Avenues, Enfield. The incumbent is believed to hold the baptism register, which started in 1939.

Weld Chapel

Sir John Weld of Southgate built a small chapel on his estate as the nearest church was some miles away. It was consecrated in 1615 on condition that all worshippers there took communion at All Saints at Easter and that the vicar of Edmonton should consent to baptisms and marriages there. A district chapelry was assigned in 1851 but the chapel was demolished in 1862 and replaced the next year by Christ Church, Southgate. Its Parish Registers are held in the collection of All Saints. You can still see the footprint of the Weld Chapel in the churchyard to the west of Christ Church.

Records of the Weld Chapel including baptisms (1695-1812), marriages (1695-1810) and burials (1695-1812) are at London Metropolitan Archives, Ref: DRO/040/G.

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