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LITTLE STANMORE

Little Stanmore, also known as Whitchurch, was an ancient parish in county of Middlesex, where it formed part Gore hundred. Civil parishes took over from ancient parishes in the 1860s and Little Stanmore became part of Hendon Rural District in 1894. In 1934 it was absorbed into Harrow Urban District and when the London Boroughs were created in 1964, Little Stanmore became part of the London Borough of Harrow.



Great Stanmore and Little Stanmore are two long thin parishes together forming a rectangle of land which is located some 10 miles to the north-west of central London. They were recorded in the *Domesday Book* as 'Stanmere' (Great Stanmore on the west) and 'Stanmera' (Little Stanmore on the east), each with its own manor, but until the late 19th century they were very much small rural communities. The 1801 population of 1146 had only risen to 2896 by 1901. The southern more populated part lies about 200 feet above sea level and the northern part (which includes the common) rises to over 470 feet above sea level. On a clear day much of London can be seen from the top of the hill. The names of the Stanmores seem rather the wrong way round as Great Stanmore is smaller in area than its neighbour Little Stanmore.

The Society has produced a Parish Guide to Stanmore, which covers both Great Stanmore and Little Stanmore and includes further information about the church below as well as nonconformist and other denominations.



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St Lawrence, St Lawrence Close, Little Stanmore



Records of the parish include baptisms (1599-1965), marriages (1599-1989) and burials (1559-1962) are at London Metropolitan Archives, Ref: DRO/014.

This church, also known as St Lawrence Whitchurch, is recorded in connection with St Bartholomew's Priory and then came into the possession of the Lake family in 1552. The Duke of Chandos acquired it in the 18th century and totally rebuilt it, only keeping the old tower.

Records of the parish include baptisms (1559-1962), marriages (1559-1956) and burials (1558-1859) are at London Metropolitan Archives, Ref: DRO/109.

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