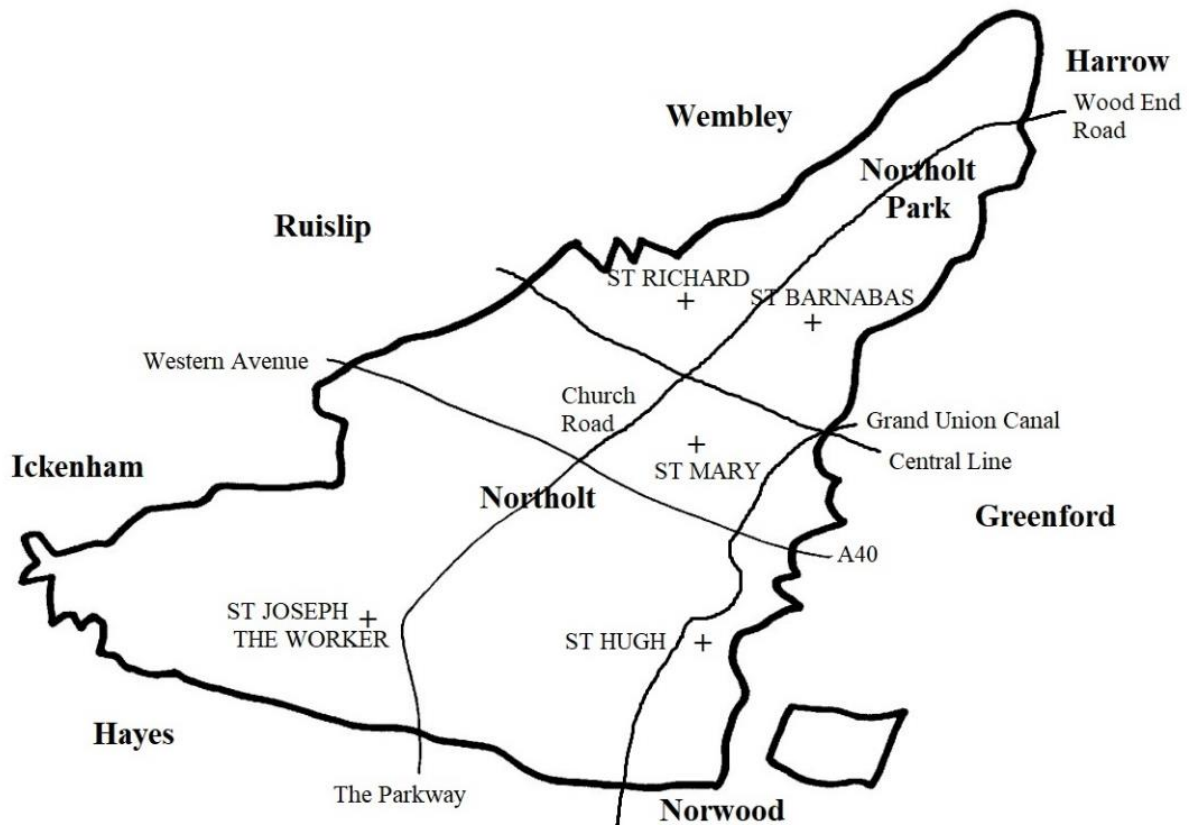




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NORTHOLT

Northolt was an ancient parish in the hundred of Elthorne in the county of Middlesex. Civil Parishes took over from Ancient Parishes in the 1860s, followed by Urban District Councils in 1894. Northolt became part of Uxbridge Rural District in 1894 and was then absorbed into Ealing UDC in 1928. London Boroughs were formed in 1965 and Northolt is now part of the London Borough of Ealing.



Historically, the parish of Northolt was almost exclusively an agricultural community. In the early 1800s, wheat, beans and peas were being grown and the remaining acreage was used for producing hay to supply the demand for the horses of London. By 1876 most of the parish had been turned over to haymaking and labourers from Ireland as well as women and children were employed to harvest the hay. An agricultural labourer's average wages in the parish in 1834 were 10-12 shillings a week. As late as 1896, Northolt was still very rural with only five small settlements and a few isolated farmsteads.

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



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St Mary, Ealing Road



The current St Mary's church building dates from the 13th century although the chancel and nave roofs were rebuilt during the 16th century and the square weather boarded bell tower with its spire dates from the same period. Increases in population in the area following the Second World War led to three daughter churches being formed: St Joseph the Worker, St Hugh and St Richard. The last of these has now rejoined its mother church and the parish church is now known as St Mary with St Richard.

Records include: baptisms (1560-1977), marriages (1560-1995), burials (1560-1974) and are at London Metropolitan Archives, Ref: DRO/051.

St Barnabas, Northolt Park



Building this church started in 1940 but was delayed by the Second World War so was not finished until 1954, when a parish was assigned to it from the north-east area of St Mary's together with part of Holy Cross, Greenford.

Records include: baptisms (1935-1958), marriages (1941-1999) and are at London Metropolitan Archives, Ref: DRO/144.

St Hugh, Kensington Road

Services were initially held in a builder's hut in 1947 with a permanent church being built in 1970. No registers are deposited at London Metropolitan Archives (LMA) and its archive is a sub-division of the mother church's collection. No registers are deposited at LMA and its archive is a sub-division of the mother church's collection, Ref: DRP/051/HUG.



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St Joseph the Worker, Yeading Lane

This church was established to serve the West End area of Northolt in response to local population growth in the 1930s. It started in temporary premises off Watery Road with the present building being built in the 1960s.

Records include baptisms (1958-1964) and are at LMA, Ref: DRO/168.

St Richard, Sussex Crescent

Initially, services were held in a youth club on the Northolt Park estate in 1958 before moving to a new hall in 1960. A proposed church for the hall was never actually built and instead a chapel was added to the hall in the 1980s. No registers are deposited at LMA, however the church has now joined that of St Mary hence the fact that its archive is included with that of its mother church at LMA, Ref: DRO/051/RIC.

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