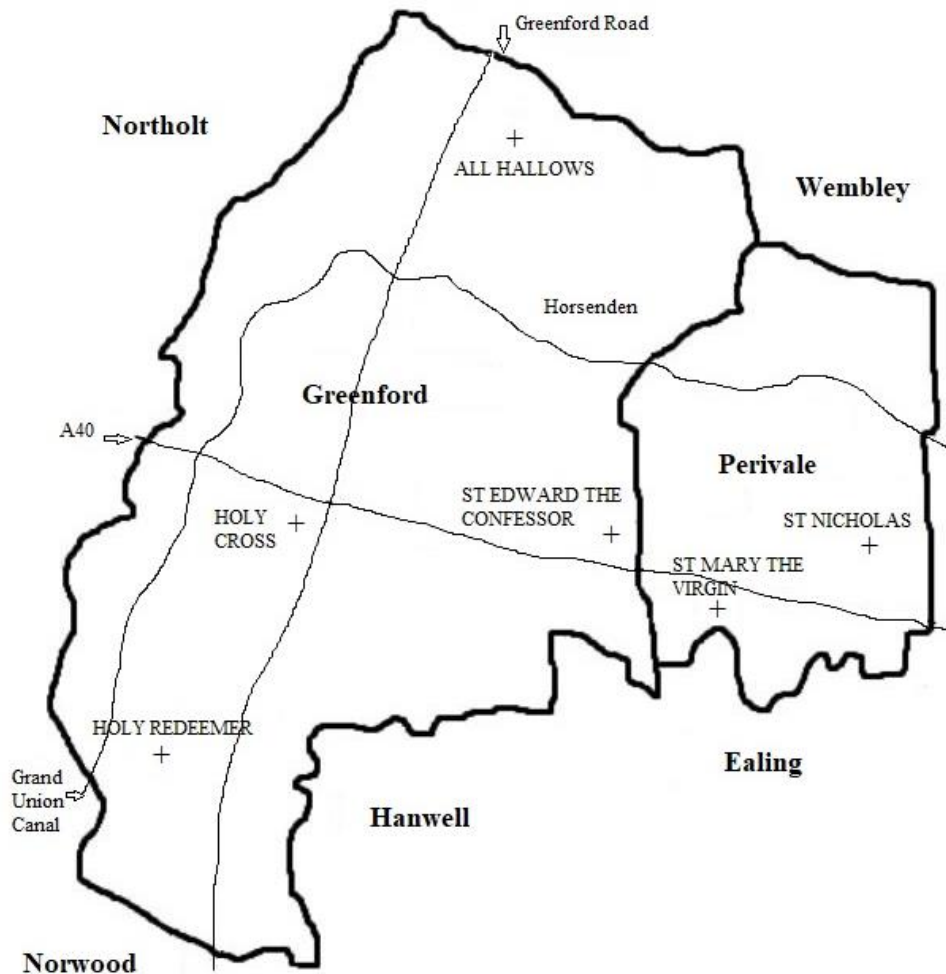




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PERIVALE

Perivale, otherwise known as Greenford Parva or Little Greenford, was an ancient parish in the county of Middlesex, where it formed part Elthorne hundred subdivision. In 1894 the urban district of Greenford was created, which consisted of the civil parishes of Great Greenford, Perivale and Twyford Abbey (this last appears in our Willesden Parish Guide). Greenford urban district was abolished in 1926 when the urban district and civil parish of Greenford became part of the municipal borough and civil parish of Ealing. Perivale now forms part of the London Borough of Ealing.



The ancient parish of Perivale lay to the north of Ealing into which borough it was incorporated in 1926. A small parish measuring roughly one mile north to south and three quarters of a mile from east to west, it comprised just over 600 acres. The land slopes uniformly from the Paddington Canal, which follows the 100 foot contour line, down to the River Brent which forms the parish's southern boundary at approximately 59 feet elevation. At the time of the *Domesday Book* in 1086, the lord of the manor was Geoffrey de Mandeville, one of the first great feudal barons created by William the Conqueror for services rendered in battle. Little is known of the early settlement and at all recorded periods before 1890 there were fewer than 50 people living in the parish: from 1664 until the 1850s there were only five inhabited houses. In 1801 the population was 28, in 1881 it had grown to 34, by 1901 it had reached 60 and in the census of 1961 it was 8,655.

The Society has produced a Parish Guide to Greenford and Perivale which covers both parishes and includes further information about the churches below as well as nonconformist and other denominations.



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St Mary the Virgin, Perivale Lane, Perivale



This medieval church was in use until 1972 when it was declared redundant and closed for worship – a new parish church had been built in the 1960s next to mission church St Nicholas. The old church is now an arts centre. The earlier parish registers are believed to have been destroyed.

Records of the parish include baptisms (1707-1946), marriages (1720-1968), burials (1720-1988) and are at London Metropolitan Archives, Ref: DRO/073.

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