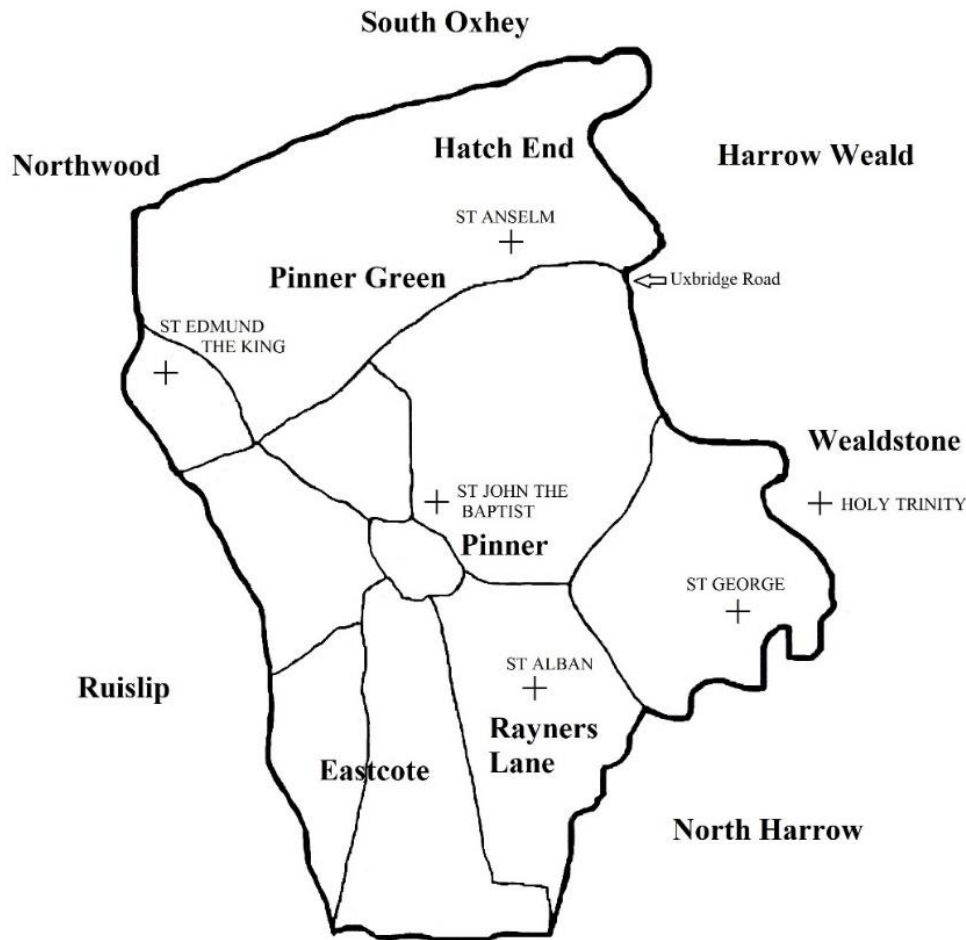




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PINNER

The parish of Pinner, which was created in 1766 from the parish of Harrow on the Hill, formed part Gore hundred subdivision of the county of Middlesex. Civil parishes took over from ancient parishes in the 1860s and Pinner 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, Pinner became part of the London Borough of Harrow.



Pinner is justly famous for its picturesque High Street with its fine timber framed houses huddled quaintly together up the short wide hill to the church of St John the Baptist. Although now surrounded by a modern bustling suburb it has somehow remained a village at heart. Its first recorded mention was in the charter of 793 when a chapel at Pinner Hill was given by Offa, King of Mercia, to the Abbey of St Albans. Both parish and county boundaries have changed since then and the chapel, rebuilt in 1631 and still standing, is now in a different parish as well as a different county. The village of Pinner first appears in documents in 1232 when an archiepiscopal charter confirmed a grant made a century earlier. The Lord of the Manor of Harrow was the Archbishop of Canterbury, so Pinner was included as part of his deanery of Croydon. Pinner remained a part of Harrow until 1766 when it became a separate parish.

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



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St John the Baptist, Church Lane



Originally a chapel in Harrow parish, Pinner became an independent parish in 1766. In the parish chest collection of St Mary, Harrow, are papers concerning baptisms, marriages and burials at Pinner Church, dating from 1856-1926. These are at LMA, Ref: DRO/003/B/05/002.

Records of the parish include baptisms (1654-1985), banns (1754-1812, 1950-1960 and 1972-1999), marriages (1654-1979), burials (1654-1861) marriage licences; and much more are at LMA, Ref: DRO/008.

Holy Trinity, High Street, Wealdstone

Part of the parish of Pinner was taken to form the parish of Holy Trinity, Wealdstone, together with land from the parishes of Harrow and Harrow Weald. The church was built in 1882 but the parish merged with that of St Michael and All Angels in the 1980s.

Records of the parish of Holy Trinity, Wealdstone, including registers of baptisms (1882-1965), banns (1883-1986), marriages (1882-1978), confirmations; printed items including newspaper cuttings, newsletters and annual reports are at London Metropolitan Archives, Ref: DRO/162.

St Alban, The Ridgeway, Pinner

The parish of Rayners Lane was formed in 1930 with services being held in a nearby hall. This church was built in 1937 to serve this new residential area of North Harrow.

Records of the parish of St Alban, North Harrow, comprising registers of baptisms (1930-1969), banns (1990-2002), marriages (1935-1983), confirmations and a history of the parish are at London Metropolitan Archives, Ref: DRO/159.

This archive includes baptisms at St Martin's Church (1972-1984).

St Anselm, Westfield Park, Hatch End

The land used for this church was donated by Thomas Blackwell, of the Crosse and Blackwell company. The church opened in 1895 and baptisms started at this date. The registers have not been deposited at London Metropolitan Archives. The church has a website: <https://stanselmshatchend.org.uk/>



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St Edmund the King, Northwood Hills, Pinner

Created as a mission church of St John the Baptist, the first service was held in the open air in 1935. A church building was completed in only 3 months: this is now used as the Lady Chapel of a more permanent church, which was built in 1964. The parish was taken from St John's, St Anselm's and St Laurence, Eastcote and was formed in 1952. Any registers there might be have not been deposited at London Metropolitan Archives. This church also has a website which includes contact details: <https://www.saintedmundschurch.org.uk/>

St George, Headstone



The foundation stone was laid in 1910 and the church was built to a design by John Samuel Alder. The baptism register started in 1911 but this has not been deposited at London Metropolitan Archives. Here is the website: <http://www.stgeorgeheadstone.org.uk/>

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