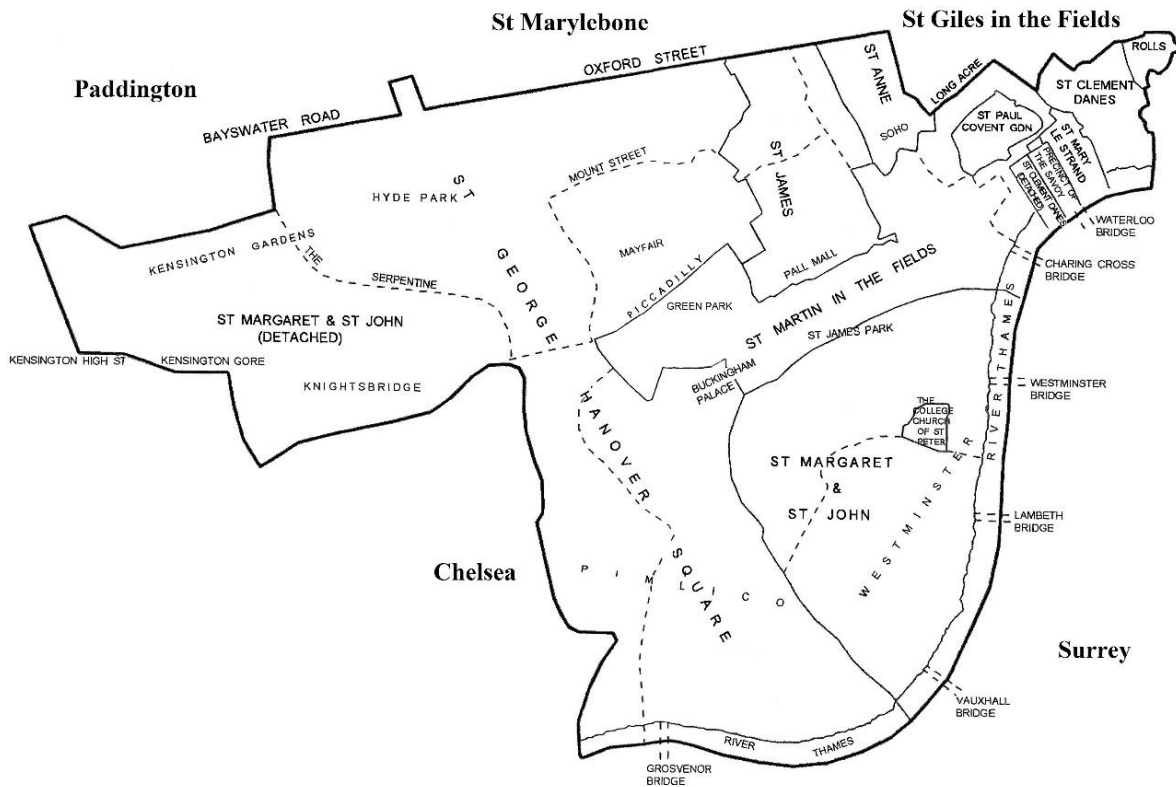




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ST ANNE SOHO

The parish of St Anne Soho was created in 1687 from the ancient parish of St Martin in the Fields and stood in the hundred of Westminster, part of the county of Middlesex. St Anne Soho became part of the Strand District in 1855 and in 1889 part of the County of London. In 1900 it formed part of the Metropolitan Borough of Westminster and by 1965 became part of the new London Borough of Westminster.



In 1676, an unknown benefactor bequeathed £5,000 to build a new church where it was most needed. The Bishop of London, Henry Compton, offered the money to St Martin in the Fields and in 1678 an Act of Parliament created the Parish of St Anne Soho, named in honour of the Duke of York's second daughter. Its boundaries were Tyburn Road (Oxford Street) to the north, Leicester Fields to the south, Hog Lane (Charing Cross Road) to the east and Wardour Street in the west.

The Society has produced a Parish Guide to St Anne Soho which includes further information about the churches below as well as nonconformist and Roman Catholic ones.



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St Anne Soho, Dean Street



Consecrated in 1686, the church was reached through an arch on Shaftesbury Avenue. The church suffered much damage in WW2, which left only the 'new' tower of 1803 standing. The present building was constructed in 1991.

Records of the parish of St Anne Soho including registers of baptisms (1686-1931); marriages (1686-1940); burials (1686-1853) and a list of Foreigners in the parish in 1711 are at Westminster City Archives.

St Luke, Berwick Street

This church was consecrated in 1839 on the site previously occupied by La Patente French Church. In 1935 the parish was amalgamated with St Anne's and the church was demolished.

Records of the parish of St Luke, Berwick Street including registers of baptisms (1846-1935) and marriages (1853-1934) are at Westminster City Archives.

St Mary the Virgin, Charing Cross Road

This church was built as a chapel of ease for St Anne's in 1850. It was united with St Anne's in 1932 and demolished in 1934.

Records of the parish of St Mary the Virgin, Charing Cross Road including registers of baptisms (1850-1932) and marriages (1857-1932) are at Westminster City Archives.

St Peter, Great Windmill Street

This church was consecrated in 1861. In 1953 the parish was united with the combined parishes of St Anne Soho and St Thomas Regent Street and St Peter's was closed in 1954 and demolished.

Records of the parish of St Peter, Great Windmill Street including registers of baptisms (1851-1951) and marriages (1865-1953) are at Westminster City Archives.



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House of St Barnabas Chapel, Manette Street

The House of St Barnabas (also known as the House of Charity) in Greek Street has been run as a charity to help the homeless since 1862. The chapel is behind the House, in Manette Street (formerly Rose Street).

Records of the parish of the House of Barnabas Chapel including registers of baptisms (1875-1950) and marriages (1963-1991) are at Westminster City Archives.

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