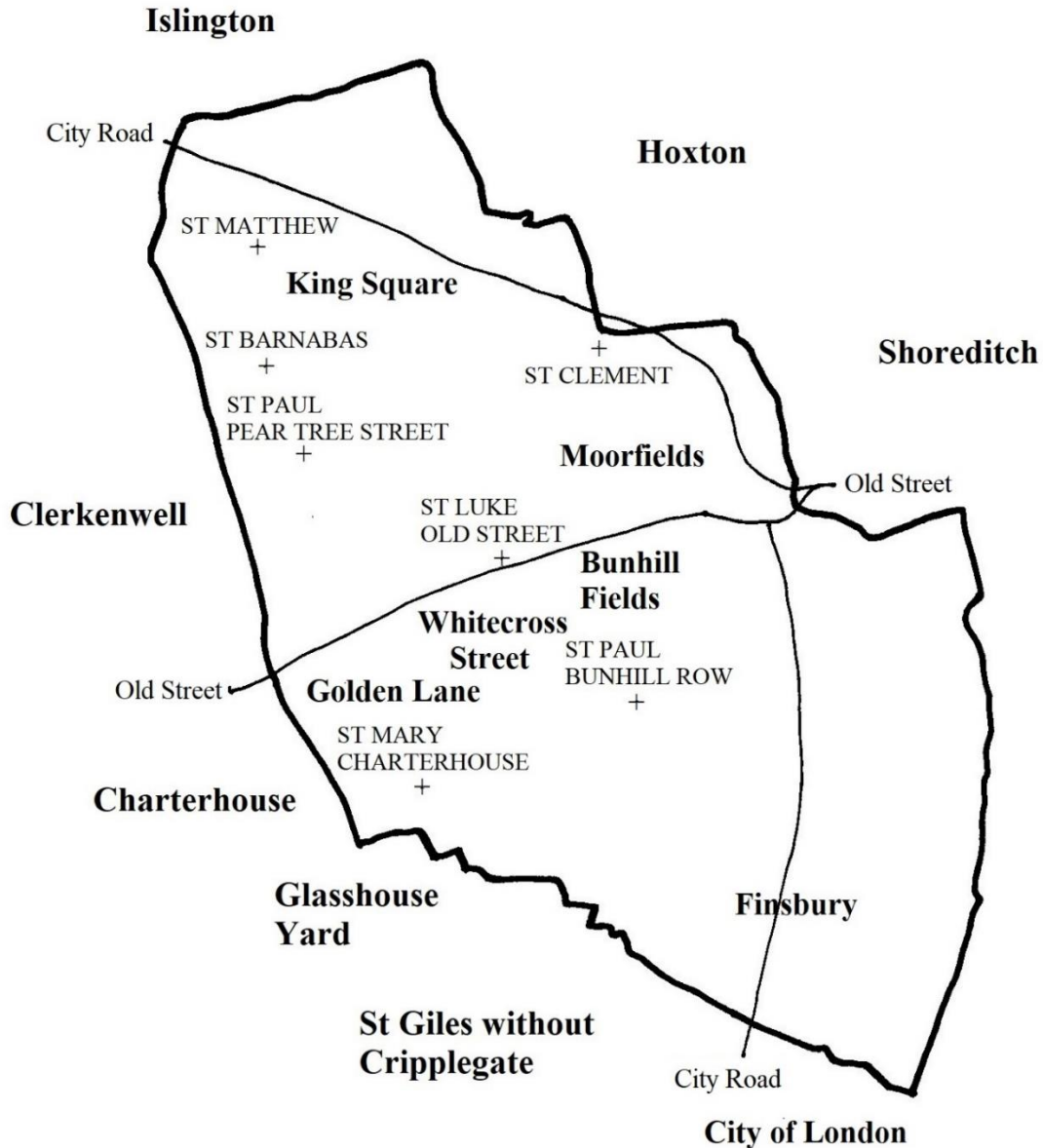




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ST LUKE OLD STREET

The parish of St Luke Old Street was created in 1733 from the ancient parish of St Giles Cripplegate. It was in the county of Middlesex, where it formed part of the Finsbury division of the Ossulstone hundred subdivision of the county. St Luke Old Street became part of the new County of London in 1890 and then part of the Metropolitan Borough of Finsbury in 1900, which, in turn became part of the new London Borough of Islington in 1964.



The land that became the parish of St Luke Old Street has its origins in that of the Manor of Finsbury, which lay just outside the walls of the City of London. The Manor was part of the Soke of Cripplegate and had been given to the church of St Martin-le-Grand by William the Conqueror in 1068 and was still held by them in 1140. In time, the Soke came to be administered by the new parishes of St Botolph without Aldersgate and St Giles without Cripplegate, with the Manor of Finsbury being in the latter.

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



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The church of St Luke Old Street was one of the last to be built under the 1711 'Act for the building of Fifty New Churches in the Cities of London and Westminster or the Suburbs thereof'. The parish was formed from St Giles Cripplegate in 1733 and since 1959 is now again part of St Giles. The church was closed then, partly due to a falling population and partly due to subsidence problems. The roof was removed, apparently for safety reasons, and the church left as a ruin until it was transformed into a rehearsal space for the London Symphony Orchestra in 2002. Records include baptisms (1733-1964), marriages (1733-1965) and burials (1733-1854) and are at London Metropolitan Archives.

St Barnabas, King Square



St Barnabas Church was established in 1826 on the east side of King Square and was assigned a separate parish in 1846. The building was severely damaged by enemy action in 1940 meaning that services had to be held elsewhere until the union of the benefice with the parishes of St Clement, City Road, and St Matthew, City Road. The church was later restored, reopening in 1956, when it was renamed St Clement with St Barnabas and St Matthew. Records include baptisms (1842-1940), marriages (1842-1955) and burials (1842-1854) and are at London Metropolitan Archives.

St Catherine's Mission District, Finsbury

This Mission District was attached to St Paul, Bunhill Row. Records include baptisms (1875-1879) and are at London Metropolitan Archives.

St Clement, City Road

St Clement, City Road, was founded in 1874 on a site bounded by Lever Street, Bath Street and City Road. It was bombed during the Second World War and the parish was subsequently united with that of St Barnabas. Records include baptisms (1876-1947) and marriages (1881-1952) and are at London Metropolitan Archives.



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St Matthew City Road

The church of St Matthew on Oakley Crescent, off City Road, was founded about 1848. Severe damage by bombing in 1940 meant marriages from 1941-1952 were solemnized at St Luke Old Street. The register was closed in 1953 on the parish's union with St Barnabas, King Square and St Clement, City Road. The church was by then derelict and the site was acquired to use for housing. Records include baptisms (1848-1945) and marriages (1848-1952) and are at London Metropolitan Archives.

St Mary Charterhouse

The church of St Mary Charterhouse was founded in 1858 on Playhouse Yard (now Fortune Street). A parish was assigned from that of St Luke Old Street. The church was destroyed by bombing in the Second World War along with its earlier parish registers and the parish was merged again with St Luke's in 1952. Records include baptisms (1942-1949) and marriages (1868-1952) and are at London Metropolitan Archives.

St Paul Bunhill Road

The church of St Paul, Bunhill Row was built in 1839 just to the west of the Honourable Artillery Company headquarters. St Catherine's Mission District baptisms 1875-1879 are included in this archive. St Paul closed in 1932 and the parish was united with St Mary Charterhouse. The building was demolished in 1933. Records include baptisms (1839-1927) and marriages (1842-1928) and are at London Metropolitan Archives.

St Paul, Pear Tree Street

St Paul's parish was made mainly from that of St Luke Old Street. The church was consecrated in 1875 on the north side of Pear Tree Street at the junction with Central Street. Before this, services were held at a hall in Allen Street (now Dallington Street). The church was badly damaged by bombing in 1940 and demolished. In 1953 the parish was joined with that of St Luke Old Street. Records include baptisms (1865-1945) and marriages (1875-1952) and are at London Metropolitan Archives.

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