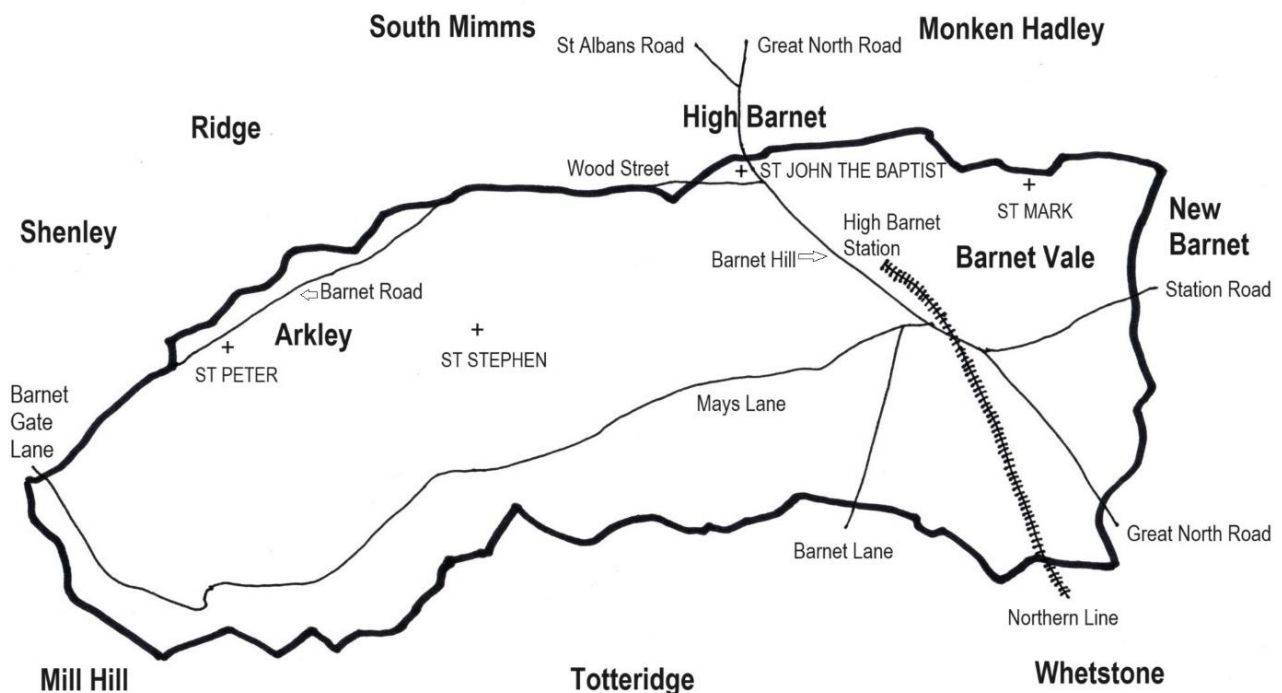




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CHIPPING BARNET

Chipping Barnet was a civil parish in the Cashio (previously known as the St Albans) Hundred subdivision of the county of Hertfordshire. Barnet Urban District Council took over in 1863 and included the parishes of Monken Hadley and South Mimms. In 1894, this was divided into 3 civil parishes, one of which was Chipping Barnet. Since 1965, Chipping Barnet has formed part of the London Borough of Barnet.



The town of Barnet is first recorded just after the Norman Conquest and the settlement developed in woodland belonging to the Abbey of St Albans, which was situated about 10 miles to the north-west, and so in the county of Hertfordshire. The word 'Barnet' means 'land cleared by burning' with the 'Chipping' part of the name related to the town having a market. A weekly market was granted in 1199 by King John to the Abbot of St Albans and there is still a market today, held on Wednesday and Saturday mornings. The town is also known as High Barnet due to its being at the top of a hill, with an elevation of 427 feet (130m) above sea level.

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



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St John the Baptist, Chipping Barnet



A market was established at Barnet in 1199 and a small church was built after this to serve traders and villagers. A larger church was built in 1420, which was reorganised and restored in the 1870s. Further changes to the layout of the building followed a fire in the 1980s. The church was a chapel-of-ease to St Mary the Virgin, East Barnet until 1866, when the livings were separated.



Records of the parish include baptisms (1678-1984), marriages (1678-1979) and burials (1678-1891) and are at Hertfordshire Archives and Local Studies. Baptisms at the Barnet Institute and Wellhouse Hospital 1910-1942, Wellhouse Hospital 1942-1971, and Barnet General and Victoria Hospitals 1971-1985 are included in this collection.

St Mark, Potters Road, Barnet Vale



The church has its origins in an iron mission church which opened in 1885. A permanent building was begun in 1897, opening in 1899 at which time a separate parish was taken from that of Chipping Barnet.

Records of the parish include baptisms (1889-1981) and marriages (1899-1989) and are at Hertfordshire Archives and Local Studies.



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St Peter, Barnet Road, Arkley



This church was founded in 1840 by Enoch Durant as a private chapel to serve people who worked in his brickworks. In fact, the nave and transepts are built of bricks made at Arkley. St Peter's later became a chapel of ease to St John the Baptist and around the turn of the 20th century gained its own parish. In 1978 it rejoined St John the Baptist.

Records of the parish include baptisms (1905-1964) and marriages (1905-1985) and are at Hertfordshire Archives and Local Studies.

St Stephen, Bells Hill, Chipping Barnet



Bells Hill Burial Ground had been using a barn as a chapel until St Stephen's was constructed. It was built in 1896 as a mission church to St John the Baptist and was partly funded by the Chancel Estate, a bequest of James Ravenscroft. The church was licensed for marriages in 1923 but only became a separate parish in 1983. However, the parish records appear in with those of St John the Baptist. The register of services starts in 1909.

Records of the parish include baptisms (1945-1967) and marriages (1923-1988) and are at Hertfordshire Archives and Local Studies.

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