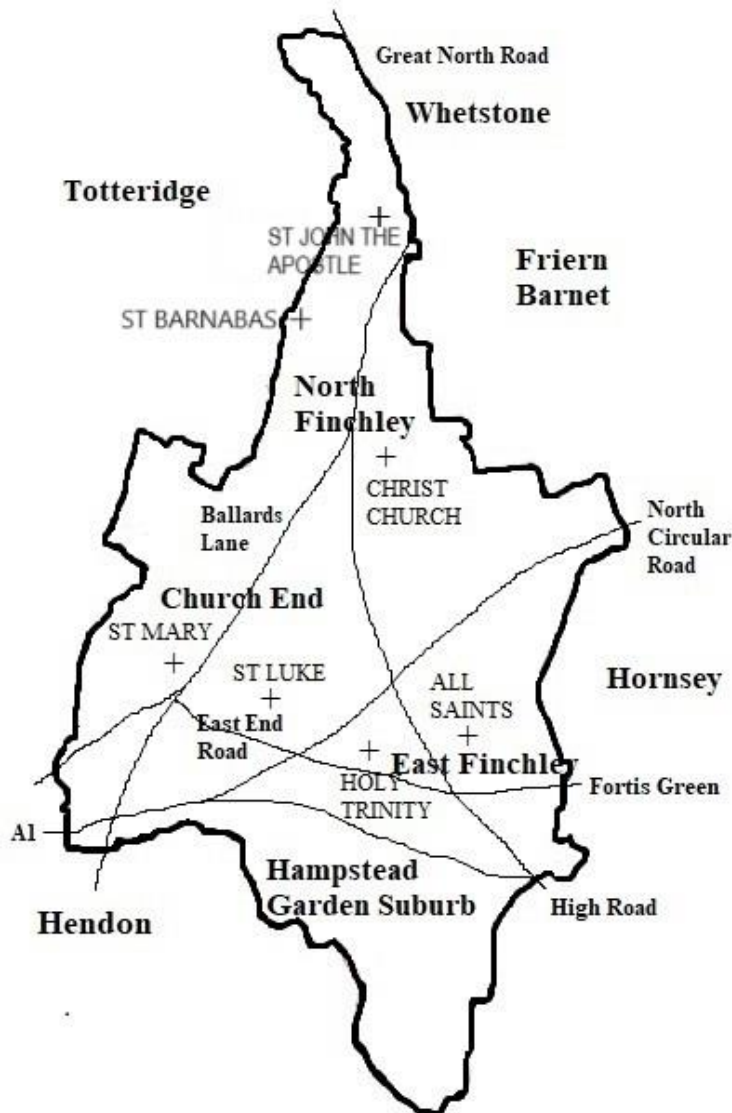




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FINCHLEY

Finchley was an ancient parish in the county of Middlesex, where it formed part of the Finsbury division of the Ossulstone hundred. Civil Parishes took over from Ancient Parishes in the 1860s, followed by Urban District Councils in 1894 and then London Boroughs in 1965. Finchley now forms part of the London Borough of Barnet.



Finchley is an ancient parish in the county of Middlesex and although it was not recorded in the *Domesday Book* of 1086, the name is of Saxon origin. By the 11th century when the parish was included in lands owned by the Bishop of London, there was already a church and small settlement at Church End, which lay towards the south-western side of the parish. Most of the parish was then covered with woodland which was known as Finchley Wood and later became known as Finchley Common. This extended over some 900 acres at the time of the 1816 Enclosure Act: it reached from East Finchley north to Whetstone, covered the entire width of the parish and was notorious as a haunt of highwaymen.

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



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St Mary, Hendon Lane, Finchley



A church was mentioned at Finchley in 1274 and was dedicated to St Mary some 80 years later. The oldest parts of the current building date from around 1400.

Records of St Mary, Finchley, including registers of baptisms (1558-1970), marriages (1558-2005) and burials (1558-1843) and more are at London Metropolitan Archives, Ref: DRO/032.

All Saints, Durham Road, East Finchley

This church was built in 1891 with a chapelry taken from Holy Trinity and St James, Muswell Hill.

Records of the parish of All Saints, East Finchley, including registers of baptisms (1893-1959) and marriages (1901-1958) are at London Metropolitan Archives, Ref: DRO/039.

Christ Church, High Road, North Finchley



This church was begun in 1867 by the Rev. Henry Stephens and plans for the building from this time are at LMA, Ref: DL/A/K/09/10/043.

Registers were deposited at London Metropolitan Archives in 2017 but are as yet uncatalogued. They include register of baptisms (1872-1963) and marriages (1872-1982).

Holy Trinity, Church Lane, East Finchley

This church was established in 1846. Parts of the parish were later assigned to All Saints, East Finchley and St Jude's, Hampstead Garden Suburb.

Records of the parish of Holy Trinity, Finchley, including registers of baptisms (1846-1985), marriages (1847-1970) and burials (1849-1976) are at London Metropolitan Archives, Ref: DRO/TRI2.



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St Barnabas, Holden Road, Woodside Park

This parish was formed from that of Christ Church with a bit from St John, Whetstone.

Records of the parish of St Barnabas including registers of baptisms (1914-1952) are at Barnet Local Studies and Archives.

St John the Apostle, Whetstone



This was built as a chapel of ease to Finchley in 1836, gaining its own parish in 1876. Despite having burial records, St John has no burial ground.

Records of the parish of St John the Apostle, Whetstone, including registers of baptisms (1834-1968), banns (1958-1970), marriages (1848-1973) and burials (1835-1922) are at London Metropolitan Archives, Ref: DRO/057.

St Luke, Mountfield Road, Finchley

This parish was created in 1904 from those of St Mary and St Paul. The parish merged with St Paul in 1985 to become St Paul with St Luke. St Luke's church was demolished in 2006.

Records of the parish of St Luke, Finchley, includes registers of baptisms (1905-2001) and marriages (1905-1992) are at London Metropolitan Archives, Ref: DRO/172.

St Paul, Long Lane, Finchley



This was set up as a daughter parish to St Mary in the 1880s. The church was refurbished in 1980 using money from the sale of the original Church Hall and Sunday School buildings, which were demolished and flats built in their place. In 1985 St Paul merged with St Luke's parish.

Records of the parish of St Paul, Finchley, includes parish registers of baptisms (1886-1948) and marriages (1887-1978) are at London Metropolitan Archives, Ref: DRO/173.

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