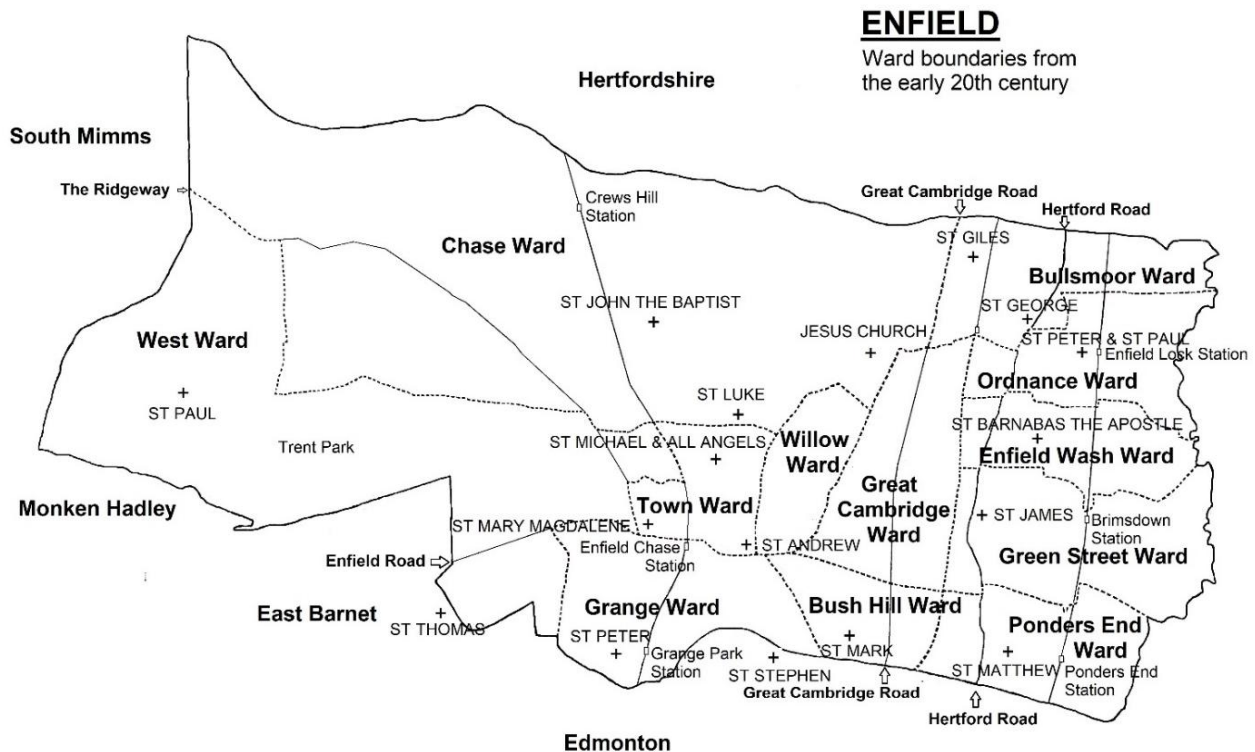




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ENFIELD

Enfield was an ancient parish in the county of Middlesex, where it formed part of the Edmonton hundred. Civil parishes took over from ancient parishes in the 1860s. Enfield became an Urban District in 1894, a Municipal Borough in 1955 and then part of the London Borough of Enfield in 1965.



Enfield is the most north-easterly parish and geographically the largest in the old county of Middlesex. The River Lee in the east separates it from the county of Essex while its northern boundaries are the Hertfordshire parishes of Cheshunt and Northaw. South Mimms and Monken Hadley (both historically in Middlesex) and East Barnet (Hertfordshire) form the western boundary. In the south, the parish of Edmonton, which included part of Bush Hill Park, Southgate and Winchmore Hill, formed the boundary. It is mentioned in *Domesday* as Enefeld, with the present spelling appearing to date from the 13th century. The area seems to be an ancient estate that was held in the early 11th century by Earl Tofi the Proud, a high-ranking official under King Cnut, who held many estates nearby including Edmonton, Cheshunt and South Mimms.

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



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St Andrew, Market Place, Enfield Town



St Andrew's church is right in the heart of Enfield town. The original Saxon church was probably rebuilt before 1136 and was then given by Geoffrey de Mandeville to his newly-founded monastery at Walden in Essex. The current building dates back to the 14th century but was extended in 1824 and has been much restored.

Records of the Parish of St Andrew, Enfield including registers of baptisms (1550-1981), marriages (1550-1981) and burials (1550-1928, 1945-1966) are at The London Archives, Ref: DRO/004.

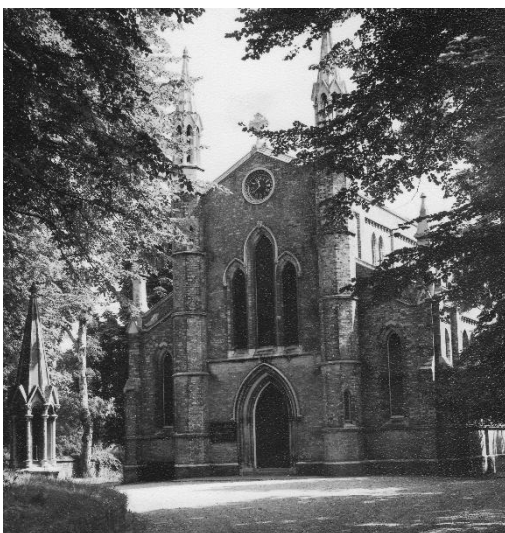
Christ Church, Cockfosters



Also known as Christ Church, Trent, this church was built in 1839 at the sole expense of Robert Cooper Lee Bevan of Trent Park. It was extended in 1898. Unusually, it faces west.

Records of Christ Church, Cockfosters, including registers of baptisms (1839-1935) and marriages (1839-1937) are at The London Archives, Ref: DRO/171.

Jesus Church, Forty Hill



This church was erected in 1835 at the sole expense of Christian Paul Meyer of Forty Hill, a district was assigned in 1845 from that of St Andrew.

Records of Jesus Church, Enfield including registers of baptisms (1868-1962) and marriages (1847-1989) are at The London Archives, Ref: DRO/046.



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St Barnabas the Apostle, Addison Road, Enfield

This was a mission church. Nowadays a modern building called St Barnabas Hall is available for use by the community. No registers have been deposited at The London Archives.

St George, Hertford Road, Freezywater

A parish taken from those of Jesus Church, Forty Hill and St James, Enfield Highway, was given to an iron church in Hertford Road in 1901 and a more permanent church was finished by 1906.

Records of the parish of St George, Enfield, including registers of baptisms (1895-1993) and marriages (1901-1984) are at The London Archives, Ref: DRO/192.

St Giles, Bullsmoor Lane

A mission church was built here in 1954. Administrative records dating from 1954-1980 are at LMA, Ref: DRO/152 but no registers have been deposited, although there is a book of Banns of Marriage dated 1944-1951 in the collection of Jesus Church which might belong to St Giles. This is at The London Archives, Ref: DRO/046/A/05.

St James, Enfield Highway



Built on land given by Woodham Connop and consecrated in 1831 as a chapel of ease to serve that part of the parish east of the Hertford Road. It gained a district in 1834 and was licensed for marriages in 1845. An addition to the churchyard was consecrated in 1861.

Records of the parish of St James, Enfield Highway, including registers of baptisms (1834-1951), marriages (1845-1971) and burials (1834-1957) are at The London Archives, Ref: DRO/054. This includes baptisms which took place at the Royal Small Arms Factory Chapel, 1886-1897 and others at St George's Mission Church, 1886-1897.

St John the Baptist, Clay Hill

Built in 1857 as a chapel of ease to the mother church on land belonging to the vicarage, this church was licensed in 1865 after much acrimony between the vicar and James Whatman Bosanquet of Claysmore, Clay Hill, founder of the Protestant Association.

The records of the church of St John the Baptist, Clay Hill, comprise registers of baptisms (1896-2008) and marriages (1870-2004) are at The London Archives, Ref: DRO/200. Other records, which include service registers, cash books and parish magazines are currently uncatalogued.



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St Luke, Browning Road, Clay Hill



A mission church was built in 1890 with a permanent building being constructed on the site of Brigadier House. A parish was formed out of that of St John the Baptist, Clay Hill.

The records of the church of St Luke, Enfield, comprise registers of baptisms (1891-1976) and marriages (1900-1990) are at The London Archives, Ref: DRO/199.

St Mark, Main Avenue, Bush Hill Park

A mission-room was built in 1885 which was replaced by a permanent church in 1893. Initially a chapel of ease to St Andrew, a parish was assigned in 1903. The records at The London Archives are administrative ones only. Any parish registers are still with the incumbent.

St Mary Magdalene, Windmill Hill



This church was financed by Georgiana Hannah Twells of Chaseside House as a memorial to her husband and opened in 1883. Registers of baptisms are still with the incumbent.

St Matthew, South Street, Ponders End

This was built in 1877 as a chapel of ease to St James, Enfield Highway and assigned its own parish in 1899. It is still open to worship.

Records of the parish of St Matthew, Ponders End, including registers of baptisms (1878-1981) and marriages (1899-1984) are at The London Archives, Ref: DRO/064.



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St Michael and All Angels, Chase Side

This was built in 1874 as a chapel of ease to the mother church on a site given by George Batters of Brigadier Hill. A parish was formed in 1931.

Records of the parish of St Michael and All Angels including registers of baptisms (1879-1931) and marriages (1931-1970) are at The London Archives, Ref: DRP/091.

St Paul, Monken Hadley



This was built as a chapel of ease to Christ Church, Cockfosters and opened in 1911. St Paul became independent from Christ Church in 2000.

St Peter, Grange Park

A church was built on the corner of Vera Avenue and Langham Gardens in 1941 with a parish assigned from St Paul, Winchmore Hill and St Andrew, Enfield. It was fitted out using items from older churches damaged during the Second World War. Baptisms have taken place here since 1927 but registers are believed to be still with the incumbent.

St Peter and St Paul, Ordnance Road

This church was built in 1928 to replace a garrison chapel at the Royal Small Arms factory at Enfield Lock. This chapel was open from 1882-1921. No registers have been deposited at The London Archives. This new church, a chapel of ease to St James, Enfield Highway, was damaged by bombing in the Second World War and later demolished. A new church was consecrated in 1969 nearby.

St Stephen, Park Avenue, Bush Hill Park

This church was constructed in 1907 to serve the expanding population of Bush Hill Park on the Edmonton border. Registers are not at The London Archives.

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