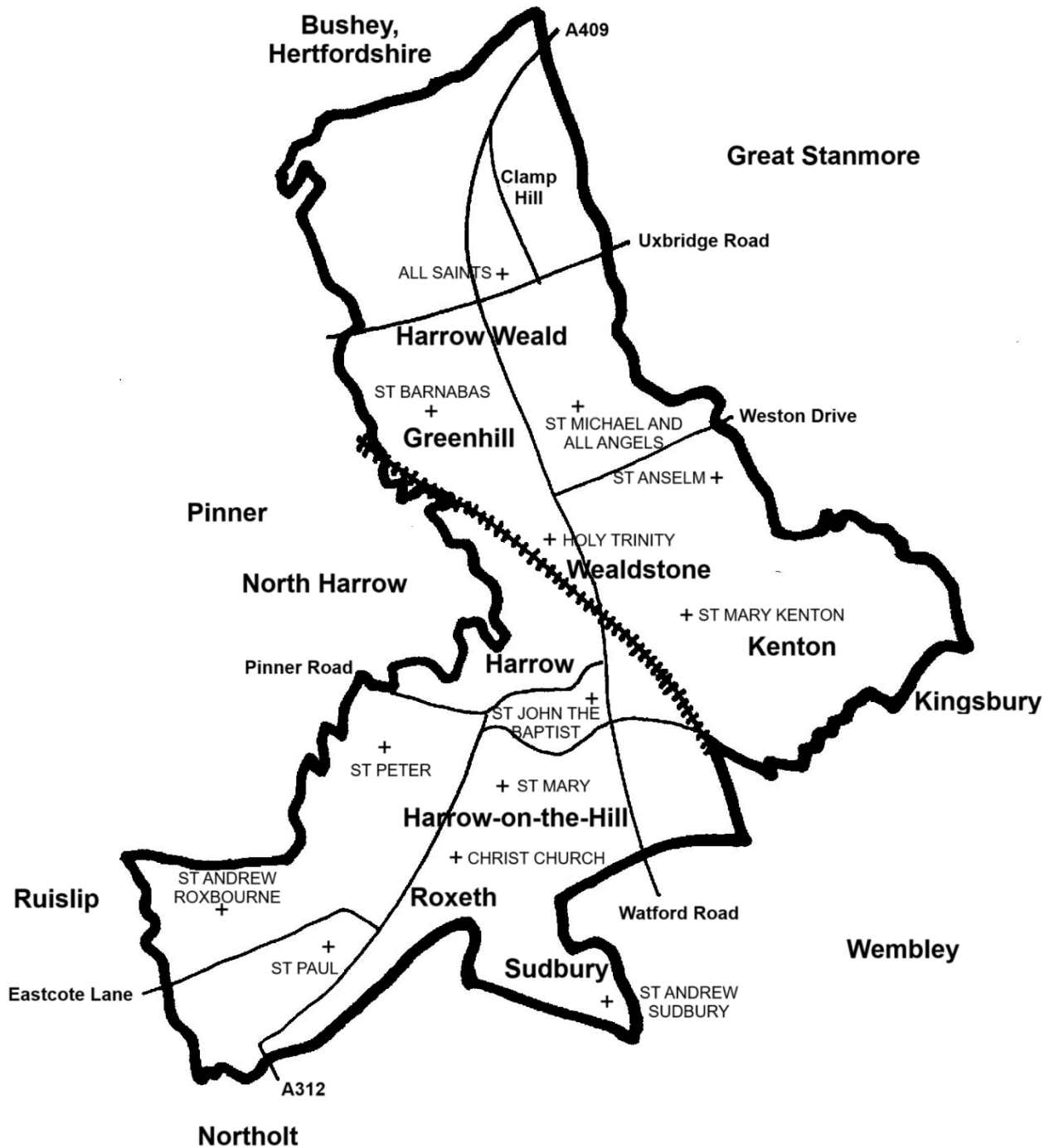




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HARROW-ON-THE-HILL

The ancient parish of Harrow-on-the-Hill formed part of the Gore hundred subdivision of the county of Middlesex. Civil parishes took over from ancient parishes in the 1860s, followed by Urban District Councils in 1894. Since 1965 Harrow-on-the-Hill has formed part of the London Borough of Harrow.





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The settlement at Harrow-on-the-Hill, which is situated some 10 miles north-west of central London, is first mentioned in a charter of 767. The village is on a hill which rises to some 408 feet (124m) and is topped by the church of St Mary, apparently the highest building in Middlesex. The ancient parish of Harrow covered a massive 9,870 acres (nearly 40km²) and spread from the Hertfordshire border south to the River Brent. Because the parish was so vast, we have shared it between three of our Parish Research Guides. The north-western part, Pinner, was a chapelry of Harrow-on-the-Hill and was the first part of the ancient parish to split off when it separated to form its own parish in 1766. Pinner covers the districts of Bury Pond Hill, East End, Hatch End, Headstone, Hooking Green, Hyde End, North Harrow, Pinner Hill, Pinner Town, Rayners Lane, Royston Park, West End and Woodridings. These are all covered in the Pinner Parish Guide. The southern part of the ancient parish became the civil parish of Wembley in 1847. This includes the districts of Alperton, Monks Park, Preston, part of Sudbury, Tokyngton, Uxendon, Wembley Green and Wembley Park. These are all covered in the Wembley Parish Guide. The Harrow-on-the-Hill Parish Guide will cover those areas of the ancient parish of Harrow which remain, namely: Greenhill, Harrow-on-the-Hill, Harrow Town, Harrow Weald, Kenton, Roxeth, South Harrow, Wealdstone and West Harrow.

The Society will be producing a Parish Guide to Harrow-on-the-Hill which includes further information about the churches below as well as nonconformist and other denominations.

St Mary, Church Hill, Harrow-on-the-Hill



St Mary's was one of the most important churches in Middlesex in medieval times and was consecrated in 1094 by St Anselm. It is believed to stand on the site of an older church. Only the lower section of the tower is original today, with the chancel dating to the late 12th century and an extensive restoration taking place in the 1840s. The font dates to the late 12th century so it seems likely that all of the baptisms in the registers will have used this. Harrow was a peculiar of the Archbishop of Canterbury

within his deanery of Croydon until 1845, when it became part of the London diocese. In the 19th and 20th centuries, 19 parishes were formed from parts of the Ancient Parish of Harrow-on-the-Hill.

Records of the parish include baptisms (1558-1905), marriages (1558-1918), burials (1558-1884) and are at The London Archives, Ref: DRO/003. Various other papers relating to the churchyard and burials, also baptisms, marriages and burials at St Mary's and those at Pinner Church dating 1856-1926 are in the parish chest of St Mary at TLA, Ref: DRO/003/B/05/002.



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All Saints, Uxbridge Road, Harrow Weald



This parish has its origins in a chapel of ease built in 1815 and dedicated to St Andrew. A parish was subsequently taken from St Mary, Harrow-on-the-Hill together with a small part of Bushey in Hertfordshire in 1844 to form All Saints parish. A mission church, St Barnabas, was instituted in the 1950s to serve a housing estate in North Headstone, see entry below.

Records of the parish include baptisms (1838-1937), marriages (1845-1972), burials (1845-1977) and are at The

London Archives, Ref: DRO/108. The burial book for the years 1945-1949 is unfit for consultation.

Christ Church, Roxeth Hill, Roxeth



This church was built by George Gilbert Scott in 1862 as a chapel of ease to St Mary with a separate parish granted in 1863. This parish amalgamated with St Peter Harrow in the 1980s.

Records of the parish include baptisms (1862-1960), marriages (1864-1994), burials (1864-1975) and are at The London Archives, Ref: DRO/182.

Holy Trinity, High Street, Wealdstone



This church was built in 1882 on land donated by Christ Church, Oxford, with a parish taken from those of Harrow, Harrow Weald and Pinner. The parish merged with St Michael and All Angels in the 1980s.

Records of the parish include baptisms (1882-1965) and marriages (1882-1978) and are at The London Archives, Ref: DRO/162.



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St Andrew, Sudbury

This church has its origins in a mission church which had been founded in 1905. This building is now the church hall. A larger church was built from 1911 with a parish being formed in 1925.

Records of the parish include baptisms (1910-1955) and marriages (1929-1970) and are at The London Archives, Ref: DRO/124. There is also a list of funeral services at the church dating from 1947-1985 [here](#).

St Andrew, Malvern Avenue, Roxbourne

A mission hall was built in a corner of St Paul's parish in 1941 to cope with increased population in the area. This church was built in 1957 with the parish being formed from those of St Alban, North Harrow and St Paul, South Harrow. No registers have been deposited at TLA. You can contact the church via its website: <https://www.standrewsroxbourne.org.uk/>

St Anselm, Belmont, Uppingham Ave, Harrow Weald



This church was constructed using the proceeds from the sale of the site of the church of St Anselm, Mayfair, whose parish was dissolved in 1938. St Anselm's is said to be the only church built during the Second World War and as such has a preservation order on it. It has a small Garden of Remembrance. The address of this church is now Ventnor Avenue, Stanmore but it has not moved and is actually in the area covered by Harrow-

on-the-Hill ancient parish.

Records of the parish include baptisms (1935-1965) and marriages (1941-1964) and are at The London Archives, Ref: DRO/132.

St Barnabas, Long Elmes, Harrow Weald

This church started in the 1950s as a mission church to All Saints to serve the housing estate in North Headstone. It closed in the 1970s and was subsequently demolished. In 1987 a retirement housing complex known as St Barnabas Court was built in its place.

Records of the parish include banns (1958-1977) and are at The London Archives, Ref: DRO/108/BAN.



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St John the Baptist, Sheepcote Road, Greenhill



This church was built as a chapel of ease to Harrow in 1866 and had its own parish assigned in 1896. A new, larger, church was built in 1904 to serve the growing local population.

Records of the parish include baptisms (1869-1992), marriages (1897-1956) and burials (1957-1982) are at The London Archives, Ref: DRO/096.

St Martin, Cannon Lane, Harrow

This small mission church was built in 1960. It was run from St Alban, North Harrow, until the appointment of a curate in 1967.

St Mary the Virgin, Kenton Road, Kenton



This parish was created as a mission district in 1927 from the parishes of St. Mary Harrow-on-the-Hill, All Saints Harrow Weald, St John the Baptist Greenhill, and St Augustine Wembley Park with a wooden church dedicated to St Leonard. The first vicar, Father F.R. Johnson, was there from 1927 until 1964. A permanent church was built in 1936 with money from the sale of the site of the church of St Mary the Virgin, Charing Cross, on condition that the dedication of the church change from St Leonard to St Mary the Virgin. The font comes from the church of St Giles, Cripplegate. No registers have been deposited at TLA. The church has a website here: <https://stmaryskenton.org/>



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St Michael and All Angels, Bishop Ken Road, Harrow Weald



A mission district was established in 1934 on farm land owned by New College, Oxford, with a building known as Wykeham Hall to serve as church and hall to the new housing estate. The parish was formed in 1935 from those of All Saints Harrow Weald and Holy Trinity Wealdstone. A permanent church was built in 1958.

Records of the parish include baptisms (1935-1967) and marriages (1959-1988) and are at The London Archives, Ref: DRO/161.

St Paul, Corbins Lane, South Harrow



A mission church was founded to serve the new South Harrow housing estate in 1928. A church was built in 1937 using the proceedings from the sale of Holy Trinity in Gray's Inn Road. The organ came from St Luke, Berwick Street. The parish amalgamated with St Alban, North Harrow in 1952 to form the parish of St Andrew, Roxbourne, whose new church was built in 1957.

Records of the parish include baptisms (1930-1971), marriages (1938-1986) and burials (1943-1961) are at The London Archives, Ref: DRO/193.



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St Peter, Sumner Road, North Harrow



A temporary mission church from St Mary was set up in 1907 on the corner of Sumner Road and Colbeck Road by the London Diocesan Home Missionaries with a permanent church being built in 1913. In the 1980s the parish amalgamated with Christ Church to become the parish of Christ Church Roxeth and St Peter Harrow.



Records of the parish include baptisms (1913-1981) and marriages (1913-1980) and are at The London Archives, Ref: DRO/183

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