

ST MARY'S ST RICHARD'S NORTHOLT

BECOMING A
LIVING AND
LOVING
EXAMPLE OF
JESUS CHRIST
IN OUR
COMMUNITY



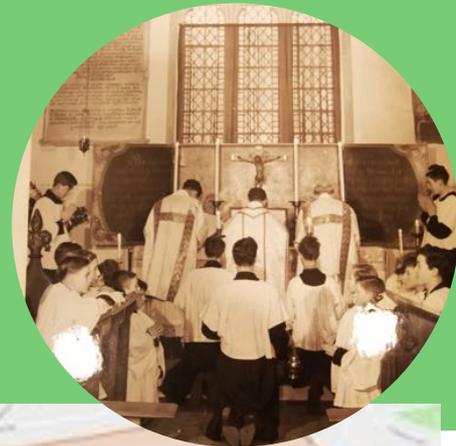
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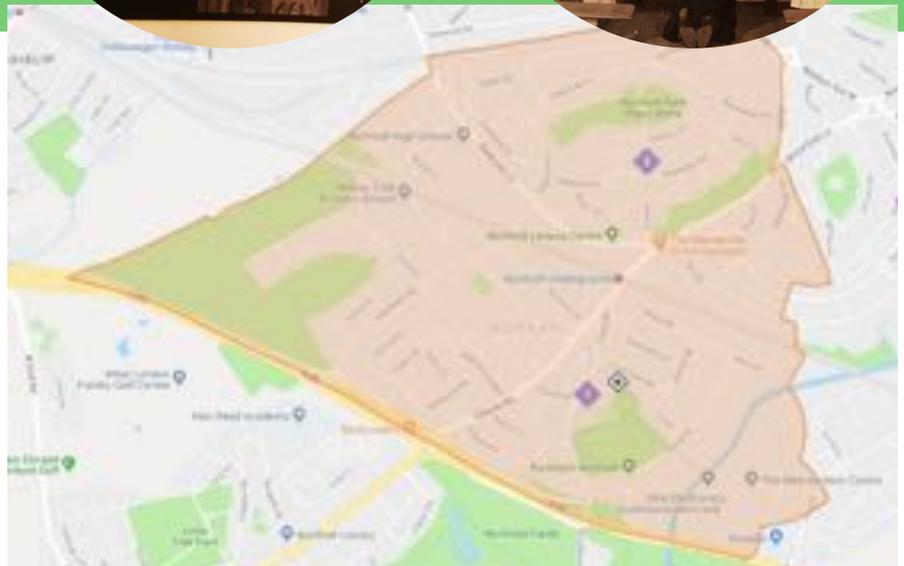
The Church of St Mary's Northolt probably marks the site where pre-Christian Saxons settled in the seventh century. When Christianity came to the area a wooden church would have been built, probably in the eleventh century. The Domesday Book of 1086 mentions that there was a priest here. The current building dates back to 1230. The building, like all buildings, has been added to and changed through the years to suit those worshipping in it. A chancel and sanctuary were added in the 1500's, a gallery for musicians in 1703 and a vestry in the 1950's.

In the 1940/50's Northolt began to expand, with housing being built across the area. Fr Phillips, then Rector of Northolt, saw that these new areas needed churches so St Joseph the Worker, St Hugh and St Richard's were built. St Richard's remains part of our parish.



Today's Parish

Today our parish covers the Northolt Mandeville area- within it is Northolt Village, the Racecourse Estate, Islip Manor Estate, The Farmlands, Northolt underground station and the surrounding areas. Its population is around 16,000.



HELLO

I hope you enjoy looking through this booklet. It aims to give a flavour of who we are and what we get up to here in the Parish of St Mary with St Richard Northolt.

Worship is at the heart of all we do. We worship in the Anglo-Catholic tradition of the Church of England, and central to our worship is a weekly Eucharist on a Sunday at St Mary's. We have an active congregation serving in various ways to enhance our worship: from music, our serving team, welcomers, readers and many others. Our worship is truly participative, and I hope you will feel able to join in.

A recent Channel Four documentary described Northolt as 'the place God forgot'. We don't agree, and so have created 'Love Northolt' to begin to shout out the fact that we care about Northolt. We are active in engaging with our local community and as we do so we hope we can also shout out about God's love in all we say and do.

I hope this booklet will inspire you to find out more. We'd love to continue the conversation with you about what we do and how you can get involved.

Fr Chris

As a parish we want to become a living and loving example of Jesus Christ in our community. We have an elected PCC who keep this as our priority and also work together in the running and governance of the parish, as trustees do for a charity. Over the last year we have spent time as a PCC and congregation thinking about our values, the things that are important to us and how we function. These are: Inclusive, Growth, Fun, Compassion, Community focused, Working Together, Forgiveness, God-Led, Sacramental and Sacrificial.



Rev'd Chris Hill
Rector



Our PCC



SUNDAYS



10am at St Mary's Holy Communion

All are welcome to come to our communion service.

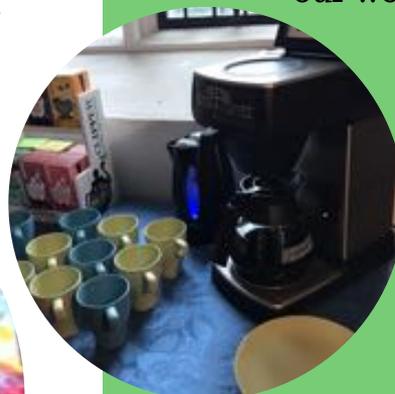
First Sunday of the month are All Age services. A slightly shorter service where all ages are worshipping together.

Children are welcome! Our Children's Church meet during the 10am service in the memorial hall- a chance to worship and learn in age appropriate ways.

We are really happy for children to stay in the main church too. There is a space with some toys and books that can be made use of if wanted.



Music is an important part of our worship. We love that we have a wonderful organ at St Mary's that is played each week and a piano and guitar help us in our worship too.

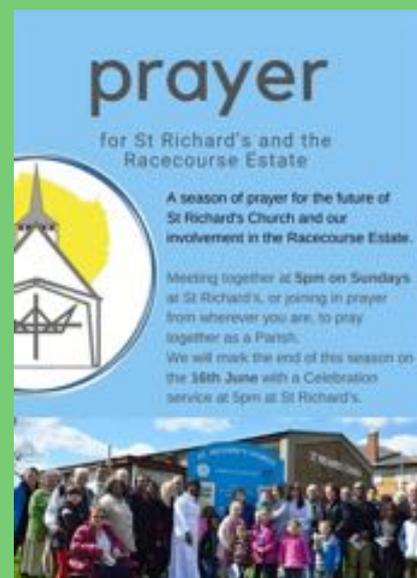


Fairtrade coffee and tea are served after each service, usually along with cake or biscuits! We believe our faith is about relationship with both God and others, so this is an important part of our Christian Life.



5pm at St Richard's Evening Prayer

We are committed to praying together at St Richard's to seek God for its future and our future engagement on the Racecourse Estate. We are excited about the possibilities for the future.



CHURCH LIFE

Church is about family, and about doing things together. We have many opportunities through the year to be together, to get to know one another better and to deepen our faith together.



Picnics.
After the service during the summer we bring our lunch and have a picnic together.



Pilgrimage.
We have an annual men's pilgrimage to Walsingham with St Martin's, Ruislip.



Food.
Many of our get togethers are over food, like shared lunches after special services.



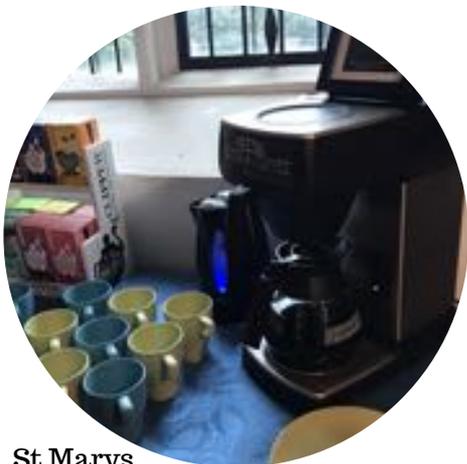
Fairs.
All the fun of the fair at Christmas and in the summer, where people gather for a great time.



The summer fair mixes traditional games, classic cars and BBQ food, plus art in the historic St Mary's.



Christmas sees cakes, jam, crafts and games with a guaranteed visit from Father Christmas.



St Marys.
St Mary's is open regularly on Wednesdays (9.30am-12noon) for prayer and a place of quiet.



Easter.
One of the most important and holy times of the church year. We hold a number of special services.



Christmas.
Christmas is a season with lots of services and many community events too!

CHURCH LIFE



Grounds.

We meet together on the last Saturday of the month for breakfast & churchyard maintenance.



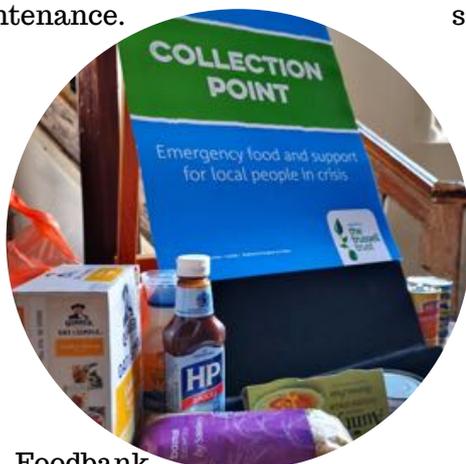
Memorial.

We hold an annual memorial service on a Sunday close to All Souls' Day- a special and moving service.



Think.

We've met together to discuss and develop our faith at our Lent course and evening small groups.



Foodbank.

St Mary's has a collection point and we work with other local businesses who also collect.



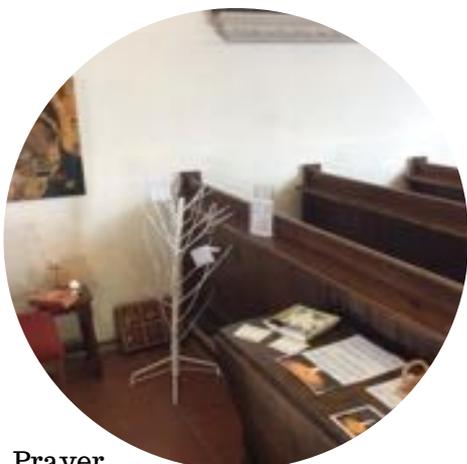
Christian Aid.

We hold a Christian Aid Big Brekkie annually to raise money and awareness for Christian Aid



Night Shelter.

Our Christmas services all have a collection towards the Ealing Churches Night Shelter.



Prayer.

Prayer is important to our life as a church and individually. We meet regularly to pray.



Social.

We hold monthly men's breakfasts, ladies evenings, Sunday lunches and an annual Christmas lunch.

Visiting

If you or someone you know would like a visit, perhaps over a period of ill health, during a stay in hospital or for any other reason, please do talk to the priest or a church warden.

and more...

We can't fit everything we do in this booklet, and we're always open to new ideas. Please have a chat with PCC members if you have suggestions or for more information

LOVING NORTHOLT

We want to play our part in enhancing, creating and sustaining community in Northolt. Love Northolt is the vision running through all of our activities, from the regular weekly events to the one-off specials like our Christmas Beer & Carols and our fairs. We want to create spaces for people to get together, have fun and build community.



What do you think?

We want to serve and support people and the community of Northolt in ways that people need. We are keen to ask and listen to ways we can help make Northolt more lovable!



Community Choir

1st and 3rd Mondays

From 8pm

at St Richard's

A place to have fun and create community through singing



Pub Quiz

Last Tuesday of the month

From 7:30pm

at The Crown pub

A fun evening out meeting others from the Northolt area



LOVING NORTHOLT



Memory Cafe

Tuesdays

9:30-11am

at The Crown pub

(followed by lunch on 3rd
Tuesday of each month.)

For anyone who would like some
company or is worried about their
memory.

Our Memory Café, started in 2018, is a place for people to get together over a cup of tea and a chat, and find community. We have a weekly quiz and some simple exercises as well as occasional talks. For some it gives the only trip out that week, for others it provides a source of conversation, and others a place to share concerns. Working together with the Crown pub we are able to provide a comfortable, safe and warm environment to all who come along.

“gives me
something to
wake up for”

“I describe it as
going to see our
friends”

“we have waited
so long for
something like
this in Northolt”

“this is the best
thing ever!”

“it’s a godsend!”



LIFE EVENTS



Baptisms

Baptism (or Christening) in water is the outward sign of commitment to Jesus Christ and membership of His church. As an Anglican Church we baptise people of all ages.

If you are interested in Baptism for yourself or your child please do get in touch.



We have a **confirmation service** once a year. This is a service with the Bishop who will come to confirm the faith of those wanting to be confirmed.

Weddings

Marriage is a precious gift of God, so our aim is to help couples make their wedding day as special as possible, and to prepare not only for their wedding but for married life.

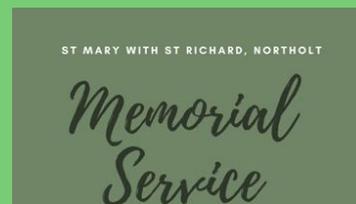
There are a number of legal preliminaries to go through to get married so please do not book any date until you have made contact with us.



Funerals

We understand that arranging a funeral can be both upsetting and complicated and it may not be clear what to do.

If you would like a funeral to be arranged in St Mary's, the first step is to contact a funeral director who will contact us on your behalf. If you would prefer our priest to conduct the service at a Crematorium this can be arranged too.



Annual Memorial Service. We hold a yearly memorial service to remember those who have died. This is a very special service and anyone is welcome to attend.

HIRE OUR VENUES

We are able to hire out the large hall at St Richard's on the Racecourse Estate and also the slightly smaller hall at the Northolt Village Memorial Hall.

Each of these halls have similar facilities: toilets, kitchen, chairs and tables and are often hired for children's parties.

Please note that our halls are not available for teenagers' parties.

We are open to longer term hires, and can offer smaller rooms for corporate events, training sessions and meetings.

For more details

see our website

northolt.org or email

bookings@northolt.org



St Richard's Hall

£30 per hour

A large hall that
can hold up to 100
people



Northolt Village Memorial Hall

£25 per hour

A Medium sized hall
that can hold up to
50 people



ALL ARE WELCOME HERE

Finally we want you to know that we extend a special welcome to those who are single, married, divorced, widowed, gay, confused, filthy rich, comfortable or desperately poor. We extend a special welcome to those who are crying newly born, skinny as a rake or could afford to lose a few pounds.

You are welcome if you are from Northolt Village, or from south of the A40 and have fought through the traffic on the Target roundabout. You are welcome if you have been driving on the A40 for years, climbing up and down the Mounds or walking your dog past our door and always wondered what the little white building on the hill was like inside. You are welcome if you are a geocacher, parkrunner or Pokemon hunter.

We welcome you if you can sing like Pavarotti or not at all. You're welcome here if you're 'just looking', just woke up or just got out of prison. We don't care if you're more Christian than the Archbishop of Canterbury or haven't been in church since the last family christening.

We extend a special welcome to those who are over 60 but have yet to grow up, to teenagers who are growing up too fast as well as toddlers who can't sit still. We welcome keep-fit mums, football dads, starving artists, tree huggers, latte-sippers, vegetarians, and junk-food devotees. We welcome those who are in recovery or still addicted. We welcome you if you're having problems or you're down in the dumps, or if you don't like 'organised religion'. We've been there too and are always willing to listen.

If you blew all your money on the horses, you're welcome here. We offer a welcome to those who think the earth is flat, work too hard, don't work, can't spell or because grandma is visiting and she wanted to go to church.

We welcome those who are inked, pierced or both. We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now, had religion rammed down your throat as a child or were looking for the tube station and ended up here by mistake. We welcome tourists, seekers and doubters, bleeding hearts.....and most especially **YOU**.



St Mary with St Richard

Northolt

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