

PARISH TIMELINE

ST JOHN'S CHURCH		ST LUKE'S CHURCH
Rev John Heath, Vicar of St Andrew's Enfield, bought land for a new chapel	1856	
St John's Church built by Rev John Heath.	1857	
St John's Church opened for worship 10 th November	1858	
Rev George Viner appointed as curate	1863	
St John's Church consecrated 31 st July	1865	
1867 St. JOHN'S PARISH CREATED Rev George Viner first Vicar of St John's		
St John's Vicarage built in Strayfield Rd Gas lighting installed in St John's Hunter organ was purchased	1867	
Rev George Minns Vicar of St John's Pews and terracotta reredos installed	1876	
Rev James Moody Vicar of St John's	1880	
Rev Marmaduke Hare Vicar of St John's West wall foundations replaced	1885	St Luke's 'Iron Church' opened 17 th December Mothers' Meetings started.
St John's Primary school built	1888	
Rev Stephen Campbell Vicar of St John's Parish Hall opened	1889	
Clay Hill parish magazine started	1890	Second-hand Harmonium bought for St Luke's Iron Church
Rev Robert Gill Vicar of St John's New heating was installed in St John's	1891	Brigadier Hill House sold where St Luke's stands
Rev Beresford Potter Vicar of St John's	1893	St Luke's Infants School opened next to Iron Church
	1894	Iron parish room built in Hawthorn Grove
Rev Vincent Travers Macy Vicar of St John's	1895	Rev Vincent Travers Macy bought land for St Luke's Church
The eagle lectern presented to St John's St John's hall was built next to school Church Lads Brigade started	1896	Foundation stone for Clay Hill Parish Institute laid in April. Opened in November
	1898	St Luke's church foundation stone laid by Bishop of Islington.
Rev Dr Robert Brandon Vicar of St John's	1899	ST LUKE'S PARISH CREATED St Luke's church opened Rev Vincent Travers Macy first Vicar of St Luke's

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	1900	Mothers' Union started
	1901	St Luke's Vicarage built in Browning Road
	1906	St Luke's enlarged to its present size St Luke's organ built by Bishop & Sons Rev James Carter Vicar of St Luke's
	1908	Rev Bridgeman Lethbridge Vicar of St Luke's
Railway extended to Cuffley with stations at Gordon Hill and Crews Hill	1910	Lavender Road School opened.
	1913	6 th Enfield Scouts started at Chase Farm School.
1914-18 88 parishioners from St John's and St Luke's killed on active service Services and meetings disrupted by air raids carried out by German airships		
Rev Rosslyn Webb Odell Vicar of St John's	1915	
Parochial Church Council formed	1919	St Luke's Infants School in Hawthorn Grove closed
New heating was installed	1920s	
New communion rails purchased and organ overhauled	1922	
Rev Harold S B Critchley Vicar of St John's	1926	
Chime of 8 bells installed at St John's 9 th Enfield Scouts started at St John's	1927	
	1929	12 th Enfield Scouts started
Lych gate was dedicated	1930	
Choir stall fronts installed. Church Lads Brigade closed. Expansion of housing in the parish – bungalows were built at Crews Hill	1930s	St Luke's Players amateur drama group formed. Expansion of housing at the north end of Browning Road, Morley Hill and Kilvinton Drive and in Phipps Hatch Lane, Baker Street and Burnham Close.
9 th Enfield Scouts disbanded	1932	
	1933	6 th Enfield Scouts disbanded at Chase Farm School. New coal fired heating boiler installed
Police telephone box erected by the lych gate at St John's – subsequently moved to nearer the 'Fallow Buck' pub	1935	Rev Frank Pond Vicar of St Luke's 6 th Enfield Scout Group started Rev George Johnston Vicar of St Luke's Missionary Committee formed
	1935-6	Brownies and Guides started

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Rev Henry Scott Vicar of St John's	1936	Electricity installed in Small Hall in Hawthorn Grove by St Luke's Sports Club
	1938	Rev Ralph Goodwin Vicar of St Luke's
Windows in St John's damaged by blast from a flying bomb that exploded in Gordon Hill	1939-45	ARP used the Small Hall in Hawthorn Grove. Iron railings around St Luke's removed as part of scrap metal drive. Scouts 'dug for victory' in Vicarage garden.
	1940	Rev Ralph Goodwin took over as Group Scout Master of 6 th Enfield Group. Tolmers Scout Camp opened at Cuffley – used by Cubs and Scouts from St Luke's for camping,
	1941	Scouts installed indoor toilets in Small Hall in Hawthorn Grove.
9 th Enfield Scouts re-formed	1946	Electric lighting in St Luke's vestry and organ blower installed
	1946-7	St Luke's Players disbanded and the Waverly Theatre Club was formed.
Rev Ralph Baldry Vicar of St John's	1947	Top floor of St Luke's Vicarage converted into a flat for a curate.
	1948	Waverly Theatre Club returned to performing in St Luke's Institute.
War Memorial plaque installed	1948-9	Nativity plays performed in church
Electric lighting installed. Electric blower installed for organ	1949	Re-tiling of St Luke's roof completed First World War memorial moved to its present location. Lady Chapel altar rails installed as memorial to those who died in WWII. Stations of the cross dedicated.
	1949-50	South-west corner of Vicarage under-pinned
Children's corner created	1950	Most of Vicarage garden sold. Stations of the Cross dedicated by Bishop of Willesden. Young Wives group formed. Entertainments Committee formed
Vicar's field next to St John's used a cycle race track by the Clay Hill Aces Speedway Team.	1950-52	
	1950s	St Luke's Avenue and the houses built on the site of the old Vicarage garden. Council houses built in Rendlesham Road
	1951	Electric lighting installed in main part of St Luke's Church. New coke fired heating boiler installed York Mystery Plays performed in church.

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Rev Ben Ross Vicar of St John's Choir vestry built	1952	Rev Francis Bale Vicar of St Luke's
Oak panelling installed behind altar to commemorate Coronation of Queen Elizabeth. New parish magazine "Hill Top" launched	1953	
Altar rail presented as a memorial to Elizabeth Coates.	1954	
9 th Enfield Scouts merged with 20 th Enfield at Jesus Church.	1956	Special service held as part of the 'Mission to London'
Centenary celebrated with special service and garden party. Bus bought to take parishioners to St John's Church – it was named 'Gabriel'.	1957	
	1958	Rev Michael Shearman Vicar of St Luke's Automatic oil fired heating boiler installed
'Clayesmore' house used by Rev Ben Ross as St John's Vicarage.	Late 1950s	
	1959	Special service was held to celebrate 60 years of St Luke's
Fete and garden party held at Bramley House, to raise money to replace 'Gabriel' bus. New bus bought for £700	1960	
Gas heaters replaced the coal fired hot air system	1960s	
Oak panelling extended along both sides of nave and organ restored	1961	St Luke's Youth Club started to meet in the coffee bar of the Institute in Morley Hill.
Exhibition of church kneelers	1966	Experimental use of a nave altar
	1967	New chapel was built at Chase Farm Hospital. Vicar of St Luke's was hospital chaplain
	1968	The Macy Memorial Garden started
Memorial window to Elizabeth Ross installed	1969	'Stewardship Programme' launched The Lancastrian Theatre Club formed – met in the Small Hall in Hawthorn Grove 'Noah's Ark' open youth club started in Coffee bar of St Luke's Institute. Name of the Institute changed to 'St Luke's Youth Centre' St Luke's celebrated 70 years with a special service and concert in the church.
St John's school extended	1970s	St. George's Chapel converted to a refectory area for refreshments after services.

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	1970s	A scheme of 'Road Stewards' operated. Annual 'elder parishioners parties' organised Nave altar platform area used for concerts.
	1971	'Luke Alive' exhibition held to celebrate 70 th anniversary of St Luke's
	1973	Organ restored and pipes decorated
	1974-75	Altar temporarily moved to west end during the construction of the permanent nave altar
	1975	Nave altar dedicated by Bishop of Edmonton.
	1976	Vicarage suffered serious subsidence after very dry summer and sold
	1978	92 Browning Road became Vicarage
World War 2 memorial installed	1980s	
St John's vicarage sold and 14 Kilvinton Drive purchased as new vicarage	1981	Church spire restored.
	1982	Church struck by lightning – damage to roof timbers at east end over the refectory
Rev Stephen Knight Vicar of St John's New gas heaters installed	1983	Celebration of 25 th anniversary of induction of Rev Michael Shearman
Youth Club re-started Last "Gabriel" church bus sold.	1984	
Rev John Noddings Vicar of St John's	1986	
1987 ST JOHN'S AND ST LUKE'S COMBINED INTO NEW PARISH OF CLAY HILL Rev John Noddings Vicar of Clay Hill		
	1987	'Noah's Ark' Youth Club closed and Youth Centre reverted to being Clay Hill Parish Centre
Organ restored. Flower festival held	1988	
St John's lych gate repaired after damage by a falling tree in a winter storm. Spirelet restored	1990	
1992 Rev Elaine Jones was appointed as first woman curate to the parish.		
	1993	New gas-fired heating boiler installed
	1994-98	Lancastrian Theatre Club performed several plays in church using the nave altar platform
Altar reredos was restored and repainted	1996	
	1998	Church spire was restored again.

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	1999	Glass screens installed around the Lady Chapel and the refectory area
	1999-2000	Exhibition held to celebrate the centenary of St Luke's
Jean Price Memorial Hall completed	2000	
2003 Rev Leslie Drake Vicar of Clay Hill		
Church rewired	2005	Jazz band concert held in church Accessible toilet installed
St John's closed due to subsidence causing dangerous cracks in the walls.	2006	
Pews removed during the renovations. St John's parish room taken over by St John's School	2007	6 th Enfield Scouts moved to the Parish Centre
St John's re-opened after major repairs. 150 th anniversary of consecration celebrated	2008	Small Hall in Hawthorn Grove sold. Model railway exhibition held in church, Stations of the Cross re-gilded 12 th Enfield Scouts moved from St Michael's to St Luke's
2010 Rev Dr Edward Dowler Vicar of Clay Hill		
New font installed, Pews replaced by chairs	2011	The nave altar platform was removed from St Luke's Fan-assisted gas heaters installed Choir stalls removed New chairs bought for Lady Chapel Choir vestry refurbished for meetings
Church re-roofed and chime fully refurbished	2012-13	
	2012	Cafe opened in refectory Furniture in nave re-arranged with a new small altar and pews facing in to centre of the church Food bank collection point established
	2013	6 th Enfield Scouts merged with 13 th Enfield Roman Catholic Group to be 29 th Enfield
	2014-15	Church used as winter night shelter for local homeless people.
	2015	Pipe organ restored