



St Barnabas Northolt Park

Key Details:

St Barnabas Church, Northolt Park
Diocese of London

Address: Raglan Way, Northolt, UB5 4SX
London Borough of Ealing

Heritage Listing: II
List Entry Number: 1263486



Our History

St. Barnabas Church, Northolt Park was consecrated in 1954 and was the first church in the Diocese of London to be consecrated following World War II.

Designed in 1935-39 by J Harrold Gibbons, construction began in 1940 before work was temporarily halted as a result of the war.

Our Building and Context

St Barnabas is located between Northolt, Harrow and Greenford in a predominantly 1930s built residential area. Externally, the building is an imposing structure together with its bell tower standing out half-way along a tree lined fairway surrounded by terraced housing as far as the eye can see.

Inside one is drawn to the carved rood high up above the chancel and also to the magnificent stained glass east window. Other notable features include the High Altar placed upon the raised platform built behind the sanctuary and the stone font, whose design is reminiscent of medievalism.



Our Worship and Missional Context

Our worship is rooted within the Anglo-Catholic and sacramental tradition for which the building was clearly designed. Following charismatic renewal in the latter part of the 20th century, our worship also reflects some more contemporary and charismatic elements.

St Barnabas is a diverse congregation, representative of the local population, in culture, ethnicity and age, with a number of British, Caribbean, African, Asian and East European families. During the second half of 2025 our average Sunday attendance had risen to 40 adults and 8 children.

As a church we have a small number of baptisms, weddings and funerals each year. We welcome in our local primary schools for a number of educational visits each year. Our church hosts a monthly fellowship group for those in our wider community aged 55+. Our church hall, located next to the church, regularly hosts our local Foodbank and is hired out by various community groups.

Adapting our Church Building to meet the needs of our Community Today

In recent years we have benefitted from replacing our historic wooden chairs with more comfortable chairs in the central part of the nave. We have created a small refreshment area at the rear of the church, but we are aware we need to explore the building of a more permanent and suitable servery area (as suggested in previous Quinquennial reports). We have also been very blessed by the introduction of temporary screens to aid our worship.

Our plans to enhance the seating, which will meet the needs of our expanding congregation and to mount the screens on the pillars will not impede the view of the High Altar, carved rood and east window, an important factor expressed by the congregation.