


THE BELLS OF MIDDLESEX

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(The M.S. dates from the 1890-s)

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Deanery of St Marylebone

ST MARY-LE-BONE (Old Church). One bell.

1. PACK AND CHAPMAN FECIT 1772  Diam. 28½ in.

(Lines 3,2-2,3-2. Painted dark green to match fittings and bird-cage belfry! "Clappered".)

NEW CHURCH (1816). 3 bells.

1. T. MEARS OF LONDON FECIT 1815  Note F sharp 29 in.
2. The same C sharp 32½ in.
3. The same Weight 8 cwt. A 35 in.

(Lines 2,2-2,3-2. Clappered.)

T.R.E.VI. 10 March 1549 confirmed 5 Aug. 1552. Marebon.
Itm two lyttell bells in the steple and a hande bell.
Itm two saunce belles.
Stowln two lyttell bells cawled saunce belles.

See T. Smith's History. 1833.

ALL SAINTS, LANGHAM PLACE (1825). 3 bells.

1. T. MEARS OF LONDON FECIT 1824. Note F 26 in.
2. The same, without date D 30½ in.
3. As No. 1 Weight 9 cwt. A 38 in.

ALL SAINTS, MARGARET STREET (1859). 3 bells.

1. CAST BY JOHN WARNER AND SONS, LONDON, 1858
On waist, Royal Arms and PATENT. Note E flat 31 in.
2. The same B flat 37 in.
3. The same E flat 53½ in.

Treble, four, and tenor of a ring of eight; tenor has cannons, and the clapper is suspended by a central bolt passing through the stock. The church is the successor of the old Margaret Chapel, built in 1789.

ST PETER, VERE STREET (1722). One bell.

1. On Crown: TB 1737

EDWARD LORD HARLEY & THE LADY HENRIETTA

CAVENDISH HOLLES HARLEY R: Phelps FECIT 1722 ... 28 in.


Lord Harley was the 2nd Earl of Oxford, son of the statesman (1689-1741). He and Lady Henrietta are commemorated in the names of the surrounding streets. The chapel was formerly known as Oxford Chapel.

CHRIST CHURCH, COSWAY STREET (1824). 3 bells.

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| 1. C. AND G. MEARS FOUNDERS LONDON 1844 | Note F | 26½ in. |
| 2. T. MEARS OF LONDON FECIT 1824 | ... D | 30 in. |
| 3. (Mears 1865) | Weight 10 cwt. A | 35 in. |

Old tenor cracked in 1859; inscribed as 2nd; recast 1865 by Mears. Lettering on treble probably John Rudhall's, used by the Mears after the break-up of the Gloucester foundry.

ST. JOHN'S WOOD CHAPEL (1816). One bell.

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| 1. HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF PORTLAND & C & C CAP ^N . | | |
| GEORGE DARBY CHURCHWARDENS |  | M DCCCXIII |
| T. MEARS OF LONDON FECIT | | Diam. 31 in. |

EMMANUEL, MAIDA HILL. Formerly Christ Chapel.

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| 1. MEARS AND STAINBANK FOUNDERS LONDON 1865 | ... | 30 in. |
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HOLY TRINITY (1825).

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| 1. T. MEARS OF LONDON FECIT 1827 | ... Note G | 27 in. |
| 2. The same | D | 31 in. |
| 3. The same | Weight 9 cwt. B flat | 38 in. |

ST. ANDREW, WELLS STREET (1824). 8 bells.

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| 1. NIL CANITUR SUAVIUS | AD MAJOREM DEI GLORIAM |
| 2. NIL AUDITUR JUCUNDIUS | IN USUM ECCLESIAE SANCTI ANDREAE |
| 3. NIL COGITATUR DULCIUS | DE WELLS STREET HAS CAMPANAS |
| 4. QUAM JESUS DEI FILIUS | SUSANNA IMBERT TERRY DONO DEDIT |
| 5. GLORIA TIBI DOMINE | IN MEMORIAM DILECTISSIMAE FILIAE |
| 6. QUI NATUS ES DE VIRGINE | ANTONIETTAE CATHERINAE BOUHIER |
| | IMBERT TERRY |
| 7. CUM PATRE ET SANCTO SPIRITU | QUAE OBIIT DIE XXVII SEPTEMBRIS |
| 8. IN SEMPITERNA SAECULA | ANNO AETATIS XVIII ET HUMANAE |
| | SALUTIS MDCCCLXXVIII |

A maiden ring by T. C. Lewis of Brixton, given in 1880 by Mrs. Imbert Terry. Tenor 21 cwt., note E flat; total weight 76 cwt. (See *Church Bells*, xi, 4 Dec., 1880, p. 6). Mr. J. R. D. Tyssen noted in 1859 one bell inscribed C & G MEARS FOUNDERS LONDON 1846, diam. 26 in., note G sharp.

ST LUKE, NUTFORD PLACE (1854). 6 bells.

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| 1. J. WARNER AND SON CRESCENT FOUNDRY LONDON 1855 | | 26¼ in. |
| Royal Arms PATENT | | |
| 2. The same | | 27½ in. |
| 3. The same | | 29 in. |
| 4. The same | | 30½ in. |
| 5. The same, but dated 1854 | | 32¼ in. |
| 6. As No. 5 | Note B flat | 34½ in. |

ST MARK, HAMILTON TERRACE (1850). Formerly 2 bells.

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| 1. C. AND G. MEARS 1846 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 25 in. |
| 2. G. MEARS AND CO. 1864 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 26 in. |

Now eight tubular bells by Harrington, Latham and Co. of Coventry.

ST MARY, BRYANSTON SQUARE (1824). 3 bells.

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| 1. T. MEARS OF LONDON FECIT 1823 | Note F sharp | 27¼ in. |
| 2. The same | C sharp | 31½ in. |
| 3. The same, but dated 1825 | A | 38 in. |

ST MATTHEW, MAIDA HILL (1853).

Two bells by C. and G. Mears, 1851-52; weights 4 and 5½ cwt.

ST PAUL, LISSON GROVE (1832).

One bell by T. Mears, 1838; weight 3 cwt. 11 lbs.

ST PAUL, PORTMAN SQUARE (formerly Portman Chapel, built 1779).

Formerly one bell by Warner, 1870, replaced in 1897 by five hemispherical bells, cast by Mears and Stainbank. The old bell has gone to a church in the suburbs.

ST THOMAS, ORCHARD STREET (1848). One bell of 3¼ cwt. by G. Mears, 1858.

Deanery of St. Pancras

ST PANCRAS (Old Church). One bell.

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| 1. T. MEARS OF LONDON FECIT 1830 | Weight 28 cwt. | 55½ in. |
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T.R.E. SAINT PANCRASSE YN THE FELDES. Itm thre belles yn the Church steeple. Itm a lytell Bell yn the Chaple.

NEW CHURCH (1822). 4-4 bells.

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| 1. T. MEARS OF LONDON FECIT 1822 | ... | Note C | 33 in. |
| 2. The same with date 1821 | ... | A | 36 in. |
| 3. As No. 2 | ... | F | 43 in. |
| 4. ST PANCRAS MIDDLESEX 1821 | THE REV ^D . JAMES MOORE
LL.D. VICAR CHARLES GREEN ESQ ^R . JOHN CANCELLOR
ESQ ^R . CHURCH WARDENS | | |

On waist—T. MEARS OF LONDON FECIT Note C 57½ in.

The treble, 3rd, 5th, and tenor of a ring of eight. In 1882 four new bells were added by John Warner and Sons, but not hung for ringing, only for the clock. See *Church Bells*, 29 May 1875, 23 Dec. 1882, p. 47.

KENTISH TOWN. One bell.

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| 1. 1784★ THO ^S . JANAWAY FECIT★ | ... | ... | ... | 33½ in. |
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In the north tower at the east end. No customs.

Small cannons: stop ★

FOUNDLING HOSPITAL. 2 bells.

1. 1798 (Mears). 19 in. 2. 1749 (Lester). 22 in.

ST KATHERINE'S HOSPITAL, Regent's Park. One bell.

1. T. MEARS OF LONDON FECIT 1828  27¼ in.

Hung in N.W. tower, but approached from S.W. tower. Used for clock. Coeval with new chapel erected when the hospital was removed from East Smithfield.

ALL SAINTS, Gordon Square (1842). One bell.

1. THOMAS MEARS FOUNDER LONDON 1841. Weight 4 cwt.
7 lb. 26 lb.

CHRIST CHURCH, Albany Street (1837). One bell.

Formerly one by Mears, 1837.

1. CAST BY JOHN WARNER AND SONS LONDON 1860.
Royal Arms PATENT Note G sharp 38¾ in.

CHRIST CHURCH, Somers Town (1868). One bell.

1. CAST BY JOHN WARNER AND SONS LONDON 1868 ... 29 in.

ST ANNE, Highgate Rise (1852). 8 bells.

1—7. C. AND G. MEARS FOUNDERS LONDON 1853.

8. The same to LONDON: below:—THIS PEAL OF BELLS
WAS PRESENTED BY ANGELA GEORGINA BURDETT-
COUTTS TO THE CHURCH OF ST ANNE BROOKFIELD
HIGHGATE RISE DECEMBER 1853. Diameters: 27½,
28½, 30½, 32½, 34½, 36½, 39, 44½. Tenor in F sharp.
14½ cwt.

ST BARNABAS, Kentish Town (1880). One bell of 4½ cwt. by Mears and Stainbrook, 1885.

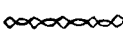
ST BARTHOLOMEW, Gray's Inn Road 1836). One bell of 17½ cwt. by T. Mears, 1836.

ST JOHN, Fitzroy Square (1851). One bell of 5¼ cwt. by C. and G. Mears, 1846.

ST MARK, Regent's Park (1853). One bell of 4 cwt. by C. and G. Mears, 1853.

ST MARTIN, Haverstock Hill (1865). 6 by Warner (See Timbs, p. 171).

ST MARY, Somers Town (1826). One bell.

1. T. MEARS OF LONDON FECIT  MARK 13, 33
WATCH AND PRAY Note F sharp 41 in.

ST MATTHEW, Oakley Square (1849). One bell.




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| 1. | BOWEN FOUNDER LONDON 1856 | |
| | DOVE BROTHERS BUILDERS—J. JOHNSON ARCHITECT | |
| | ST. MATTHEW OAKLEY SQUARE ... C sharp | 33 in. |

ST PAUL, Camden Town (1851). One bell.

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| 1. | BOWEN FOUNDER CLERKENWELL LONDON | |
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Deanery of Willesden

WILLESDEN, St Mary (1223). 8—1 bells.

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| 1.2. | Cast c. 1905 from the bells of St. Peter-le-Poer. Not rung, and have never been dedicated. | |
| 3. |  THH ^s . MEARS OF LONDON FECIT 1792 | 26 in. |
| 4. | The same, but THO ^s | 28 in. |
| 5. | As 4 | 30 in. |
| 6. | G. MEARS FOUNDER LONDON 1859 | |
| | REV ^d . H. W. GLEED ARMSTRONG M A VICAR | |
| | W SELDON } CHURCHWARDENS | 31¾ in. |
| | JCBONNETT } | |
| 7. | As 4 | 34 in. |
| 8. | W ^m . NICHOLL CHURCH WARDEN  THO ^s . MEARS | |
| | OF LONDON FECIT 1793  | 36½ in. |
| Small. | JOHN MARSH CH: WARDEN 1696 | 17¼ in. |

Small bell probably by Philip Wightman. Weight of tenor 9 cwt. T.R.E.VI 23 July, 1552. In the steeple . . . Itm foure greate belles yn the same steeple a sanct bell and two hand belles.

For ringing records see *Church Bells*, 3 Aug. 1872, 10 April 1875.

Sperling, *Church Walks*, p. 98: "The bells, six in number, were recast from five in 1790" (*sic*).

HOLY TRINITY, Kilburn (1867)

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| 1. | CAST BY JOHN WARNER AND SONS LONDON 1866 ... | 30 in. |
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ST JOHN Kilburn.

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| 1. | G. MEARS AND CO FOUNDERS LONDON 1862 | |
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ST PAUL, Kilburn.

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| 1. | T. MEARS OF LONDON FECIT 1829 | 22 in. |
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