

THE BELLS OF MIDDLESEX

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IV

Deanery of Hornsey

FINCHLEY. ST PAUL, Long Lane (1886). 1 bell.


1. BEATVS VENTER QVI TE PORTAVIT.

Brought here from Hatford church Berkshire; probably by John Langhorne (Cf. St Bartholomew-the-Less), c. 1380.

This bell was fully described in *Trans. N.S.X.*, III (1951), p. 310.

FINCHLEY. ST MARY. 6 bells and clock bell.

1. GOOD PEOPLE ALL THAT HEAR US RING

BE FAITHFULL TO YOUR GOD AND KING  RJG

Below: PACK AND CHAPMAN OF LONDON FECIT 1770 Diam. 26½ in.

2. RICH^d. ROBERTS JN. JONES  PACK AND CHAPMAN

OF LONDON FECIT 1770 28½ in.

3. JNO. BROWN DANIEL CLEWIN THOS. BISHOP,
WM. HILL OVERSEERS PACK AND CHAPMAN OF LONDON
1770 29 in.

4. T. H. ANDREW ESQR. I. P. HANKEY ESQR.

CHURCH WARDENS 1804 

Below: THOMAS MEARS OF LONDON FECIT 31 in.

5. PACK AND CHAPMAN OF LONDON FECIT 1770 33½ in.

6. C AND G MEARS FOUNDERS LONDON 1847

Below: I C SIMMONS } CHURCHWARDENS 37 in.
C JAQUES } 9 cwt.

Clock. 1783 21 in.

1st badly broken in two places on lip; 2nd and 3rd, no cannons; 6th a poor casting; lip chipped; air-holes in crown. Clock-bell hung dead on beam; no clapper; by Chapman and Mears.

T.R.E.vi. (4 Aug. 1552) Finchley. *Itm v bells wythe a lytell Bell.*

Customs: At burials 3 3 man 2 3 boy } before and after tolling.
3 2 woman 2 2 girl }

FRIERN BARNET. ST JAMES. 1 bell.

1. THOMAS MEARS OF LONDON FECIT 1811 

inc. on waist: RICH^d. ATTFIELD JOHN HOLDSWORTH

CH. WARDENS. Lines 2, 2-3, 3-2 Diam. 35 in.

At funerals: 3 3 man } before and after tolling
3 2 woman }
3 1 child }

HIGHGATE. ST MICHAEL. 1 bell.

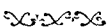


1. C AND G MEARS FOUNDERS LONDON 1847 ... 50 in.
23 cwt.

This bell was the gift of Mr. G. Crawshay of Ivy House, together with the clock. See Lloyd's *Hist. of Highgate*, pp. 155, 248; he gives the weight as 19 cwt. and over.

For an account of the old Chapel at Highgate (formerly part of the parish of Hornsey) see *op. cit.* p. 116 ff; it was attached to the school and possessed one bell.

HORNSEY. ST MARY. 6 bells. [See also *Trans.*

N.S., X.II (1949-50), p. 120.]

1. THOMAS JANAWAY FECIT 1775  ... Diam. 29½ in.
2. The same, with coin (half-penny?) at each end of
border ... 31½ in.
3. THE RINGERS ART OUR GRACEFUL NOTE PROLONG ∴
APOLLO LISTENS AND APPROVES THE SONG ∴
THOMAS JANAWAY FECIT 1775  33½ in.
4. As 1, but no border ... 36½ in.
5. As 1; after date:— ∴  ∴ 39¾ in.
6. ST MARY'S HORNSEY—XMAS 1880

On waist: THIS BELL WAS RECAST AND THE OTHER
FIVE BELLS TURNED BY JOHN WARNER
AND SONS
JAMES JEAKES M.A. RECTOR
GILBERT ROBINS }
JOHN MARTIN } CHURCHWARDENS

No diam. given

The old tenor was inscribed: THESE SIX BELLS WERE
RECAST BY VOLUNTARY SUBSCRIPTION ANNO DOM 1775
FRANCIS HAULTAIN RECTOR JOHN BICKLEY CHURCH
WARDEN THOMAS JANAWAY FECIT ...

45½ in.
16 cwt.

On the bell-frame: JOHN BOOTH 1775.

New wheels and gear, all good, chiming hammers. (T. A. Turner 1882.)

T.R.E.vi (14 aug. 1552). Haryngey: Itm thre greate belles and a sanct bell. (Hornsey was also known anciently as Harringay; see Lloyd's *Hist. of Highgate*, p. 5, Francis Haultain was rector 1775-1780.)

There were six bells in Cole's time (c. 1750). Lloyd, p. 89. [See also Cole's diary, where he calls them 'tunable'.]

The single bell of CHRIST CHURCH, CROUCH END (1862) is described as 'borrowed from the school' (A.D.T.).

SOUTH MIMMS. ST GILES. 6 bells.

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| 1. | T. MEARS OF LONDON FECIT 1812 | ... | ... | ... | 29½ in. |
| 2. | The same | ... | ... | ... | 30 in. |
| 3. | The same | ... | ... | ... | 32½ in. |
| 4. | MEARS AND STAINBANK, WHITECHAPEL FOUNDRY,
LONDON | | | | |
| | <i>On waist:</i> CAST 1812 | ... | ... | ... | 35 in. |
| | RECAST 1893 | | | | |
| 5. | As No. 4. | | | | |
| | <i>On waist:</i> FOURTH FIFTH AND TENOR | | | | |
| | RECAST 1893 | ... | ... | ... | 37 in. |
| 6. | MEARS ET STAINBANK LONDINI FECERUNT 1893 | | | | |
| | <i>On waist:</i> LAUDO DEUM VERUM, PLEBEM VOCO,
CONGREGO CLERUM, DEFUNCTOS PLORO,
JEJUNUM NUNTIO, FESTA DECORO | ... | | | 41 in. |

The three larger bells were put up in May, 1893, replacing three of which the 4th and 5th were inscribed like the present 1st, the 6th as follows:—

GEORGE BYNG ESQ^R M.P. THE REV^D GEORGE F. BATES VICAR
DAN^L CARPENTER ESQ^R JOHN ROBERTS CHURCH WARDENS
T. MEARS OF LONDON FECIT.

Diameter of old bells, 34½ in., 37 in., 41½ in.; tenor in G.

Weights of present ring: 1. 5:2:2 4. 7:3:3
2. 5:2:24 5. 9:0:5
3. 6:2:7 6. 11:3:16

The Rev. G. Bates was vicar 1812-1841.

T.R.E. (3 Aug. 1552). SOUTHMYMES. Inprimis iiij great belles a saunce bell ij handebelles.—See F. C. Cass, *South Mimms*, pp. 48, 104. He says there was a sanctus bell.