

KENSINGTON St Mary Abbots. Sources

Tower of 1370 replaced in 1772 with battlements and bell cote. Tower and spire rebuilt 1860s (check). Check date of bells 1860/70. Elizabeth & Wayland Young *London's churches*. [Dubious paraphrase of original?]

Bells here in 1549 H B Walters Manuscript. VP: my notes S of A 17-4-96-5

Sunday January 16th 1774. Society of London Youths. VP: Check with (orange) folder.

The parish church of Kensington Palace. College youths rang "The whole peal of Triples on Steadman's Principle" on December 12th 1803, and about the same time one of Grandsire Triples which had a call at every lead end. *Ringing world* July 12th 1963 p. 465. [Copy in suspension file]

Upon hearing the news of the death of Queen Victoria in 1901 the bells were rung muffled. Most of the bells were in the tower in 1819 when the Queen was born in Kensington palace. *Bell news & ringers' record* February 2nd 1901 p. 471.

19/04/1960 Per A W Land, 122 St Leonard's Road East Sheen SW14 rehanging 3rd, 4th, 5th 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th with new cast iron stocks cutting out canons drilling centre holes & providing new staples and tops to clappers, new pulleys, stays and sliders & runner boards. Whitechapel Foundry day book 249/98.

At 278 feet the tower and spire are the eighth tallest in the country. Six bells in the small medieval tower about 50' high. Tower replaced in 1772 built of red brick and white cupola, reached a height of 86'. Thomas Janaway of Chelsea cast eight bells with the tenor of 20 cwt. John Warner cast in 1879 a new treble and tenor (32 cwt) to add to the old eight, also recasting nos. 1, 2 and 6. The St Mary Abbots Guild was founded in 1896. United Ringing Societies launched in July 1976 and serving no fewer than five other churches. Lasted 4 years then St Mary Abbots Guild re-formed and covers St Luke Chelsea, St Vedast alias Foster and St Stephen Rochester Row. Centenary of the Guild celebrated *Ringing world* November 16th 1979 p. 969. [Copy in suspension file]

Warner & Sons 1879. First peal by Cumberlands in 1882. St Mary Abbots Guild formed 1896, serves St Luke Chelsea, St Vedast, St Stephen Rochester Row and St James Clerkenwell. *Ringing world* June 28th 1996 pp. 649-50.

Tower and spire at the north-east are 278' high. The old church was at least 17th century and when it became unsafe the church was taken down in 1696 except the tower. Again church became unsafe and rebuilt 1770. Gordon Hills surveyed the church in 1866 and said that the building could collapse. Gilbert Scott the architect for the new church. New building consecrated May 14th 1872, spire completed 1879. Dove Brothers contractors. Porch and cloister added 1889-93; architects Micklethwaite & Somers Clarke. B F L Clarke *Parish churches of London* pp. 100-101.

At the time of of King Edward the Sixth there were three small bells and a saunce bell in the steeple. Medieval tower was not altered at the time when the church was rebuilt 1704, by wich time there were six bells.; in 1772 a new steeple was built and Thomas Janaway of Chelsea was awarded the contract to cast eight bells with the tenor about a ton in weight. 2 of the initials of E. L. [query grammar] appear on inscriptions (the 6th) these stand for Edward Lulham, T Janaway's foreman or bell hanger. The present tower and spire date from 1879 with an overall height of 278'. John Warner recast the treble, 2nd and 6th of Janaway's bells and added a new treble and tenor. The Cumberland Youths rang Bob Major, the first peal on the new bells on March 21st 1773, conducted by George Gross, with John Frazier on the treble. Two men were needed to ring the tenor. *Ringing world* April 7th 1944 p. 147. [Copy in suspension file]

1

CAST BY JOHN WARNER & SONS, LONDON. THIS BELL
WAS ADDED TO THE OLD PEAL OF BELLS IN KENSINGTON
PARISH CHURCH. A.D. 1879. I INVITE I WARN, I REJOICE,
I MOURN. THE HON'LE AND REVD EDWARD CARR GLYN, VICAR
ROBERT HENRY PEARSON JUBAL WEBB CHURCHWARDENS
REUBEN GREEN VESTRY CLERK

2

CAST BY JOHN WARNER & SONS. PROSPERITY TO THE
PARISH OF KENSINGTON. THOS. JANAWAY FECIT 1772.
RECAST 1879. THE HON'LE AND REVD EDWARD CARR GLYN, VICAR.
ROBERT HENRY PEARSON JUBAL WEBB CHURCHWARDENS.
REUBEN GREEN VESTRY CLERK

3

CAST BY JOHN WARNER & SONS, LONDON. WHEN FROM
THE EARTH OUR NOTES REBOUND: THE HILLS AND VALLEYS
ECHO ROUND THOS. JANAWAY FECIT 1772. RECAST 1879. THE HON'LE
AND REVD EDWARD CARR GLYN, VICAR, ROBERT HENRY
PEARSON JUBAL WEBB CHURHWARDENS, REUBEN GREEN
VESTRY CLERK

4

(Dec.) MUSICA EST MENTIS MEDICINA.
THOS. JANAWAY FECIT, 1772

5

INTACTUM SILEO PERSECUTE (sic) DULCE
CANO. THOS. JANAWAY FECIT 1772 (Dec)

6

LET AARONS BELLS CONTINUALLY BE RUNG:
THE WORD STILL PREACHD. AND HALLELJAHS SUNG
THOS. JANAWAY, FECIT 1772 E (m) L

7

CAST BY JOHN WARNER & SONS, LONDON, THE RINGERS
ART OUR GRATEFUL NOTES PROLONG; APOLLO LISTENS
AND APPROVES THE SONG. THOS. JANAWAY FECIT 1772.
RECAST 1879. THE HON'LE AND REVD EDWARD CAR GLYN,
VICAR, ROBERT HENRY PEARSON, JUBAL WEBB,
CHURCHWARDENS, REUBEN GREEN, VESTRY CLERK.

8

(3 coins) YE RULERS ALL THAT ARE
PUT IN TRUST TO JUDGE OF WRONG AND RIGHT:
BE ALL YOUR JUDGEMENTS TRUE AND JUST
REGARDING NO MANS MIGHT. THOS. JANAWAY
FECIT 1772

9

CAST JULY 1772 BY SUBSCRIPTION.
JAMES WALLER VICAR. THOS. STOKES
& WM. SIMPSON CHURCHWARDENS. JOHN
LESSINGHAM ESQ. GAVE TWENTY POUNDS.
BE IT KNOWN BOTH GREAT AND SMALL: THOS.
JANAWAY OF CHELSEA MADE US ALL (Dec)

CAST BY JOHN WARNER & SONS, LONDON. THIS BELL
 WAS ADDED TO THE OLD PEAL OF BELLS IN KENSINGTON
 PARISH CHURCH A.D. 1879. THOSE EVENING BELLS
 HOW MANY A TALE THEIR MUSIC TELLS. THE HON'LE
 AND REVD EDWARD CARR GLYN, VICAR, ROBERT HENRY
 PEARSON – JUBAL WEBB CHURCHWARDENS

32 cwt in D flat. James R Jerram *Church bells in the City of London and the suburbs*. 1902 Copied
 verbatim, including line breaks and punctuation, from VP slip.

1	29 ¼"	6-2-4	J Warner 1879
2	30 ½"	7-0-4	J Warner 1879
3	31 ½"	6-3-7	J Warner 1879
4	33 ½"	7-0-0	T Janaway 1772
5	36"	8-3-0	T Janaway 1772
6	38 ¾"	10-2-0	T Janaway 1772
7	41 ¾"	12-2-21	J Warner 1879
8	44"	c 14 ¾ cwt	T Janaway 1772
9	49"	c 21 cwt	T Janaway 1772
10	56 ¼"	31 cwt	J Warner 1879. <i>Schedule of bells.</i>

All slips transcribed PN 2020.