

SHEPPERTON

In 1707 Queen Anne became patron of the living and having presented the Revd Lewis Atterbury, she requested a tower be built. The parishioners' contributions to the cost of building the tower were minimal, so the Revd Atterbury bore most of the expense. The west brick, oblong tower of 1710 is crowned by five battlements on the west and east and only four battlements on the north and south sides.

No details are known of the single bell prior to the arrival of the 1877 installation. The five bells were retuned and rehung in the old frame by Gillett & Johnston in 1937.

1979 - The Year of the Child - it was decided to augment to six bells by the addition of a treble, aptly named, "Little Nicholas". The new two-level frame was placed lower in the tower. During Evensong on Sunday April 20th the Archdeacon of Middlesex, the Venerable John Perry, dedicated the new treble and remaining five bells which had been cleaned, tuned and quarter turned. Mr. William Hughes represented the Whitechapel Bell Foundry and Mr. Charles Denyer 'represented all the bellringers in the country'.

Source: Church guide (n.d.) pp 3, 4 and 7; Nikolaus Pevsner, *Buildings of England: Middlesex* 1951, pp 136-7; *Ringing World* June 29, 1945 p 261; and May 9, 1980 p 396