

STAINES St Mary. Sources

Inigo Jones. Bell tower of 1631. *Ringling world* June 16 1978 p. 494

A ring of six installed in 1791, increased to eight when the tower was heightened in 1828. *Ringling World* June 9 1972 p. 454

Bells: eight (five 1734). Peal boards – four. LMAS *Transactions* vol. 18 (1955)

Eight bells 17 cwt in 1734. *Bell founding from the Armada to the Great War*

Miss De la Motte ordinary ringing member MCALDG *Annual report* 1905-06.

The churchwardens per W Evans Esq. for eight pairs of mufflers for the bells. 1901 WBR records

Its W tower is its most interesting feature: brick and in its two lower storeys dating from 1631... The top storey, also of brick, belongs to 1828... Nikolaus Pevsner: *The buildings of England: Middlesex* 1951 p. 143

Tenor and two trebles cast by T Mears in 1829. Previous to that there were an old ring of six by R Phelps in 1734. These bells do not ring at all well in peal owing to the frame oscillating so much and being old caused the bells to drop. *Bell news and ringers' record* March 1 1884 p. 568.

Treble	29"	4-3-0	Thomas Mears Jr,	1829
2	30 ½"	5-1-0	Thomas Mears Jr.	1829
3	30 ½"	5-1-0	R Phelps	1734 [sic: Mistranscribed?]
4	32 ½"	7-0-0	R Phelps	1734
5	35 ½"	7-3-0	R Phelps	1734
6	37 ½"	9-0-0	R Phelps	1734
7	42"	12-0-0	R Phelps	1734
Tenor	46 ¼"	18-0-0	Thomas Mears Jr.	1829. <i>Among the bells</i> Part IX.

At burials: 3 x 3 man; 3 x 2 woman; 3 x 1 child before and after tolling. [Weights as above] H B Walters manuscript.

Peals dated February 19 1898 (ODG) and June 23 1900 (SRCY). Details in *Bell news and ringers' record* vol. 16 p. 537 and 19 p. 103 respectively. [Copies in suspension file.](#)

"From verbal information via Churchwarden while preparing church for Patronal festival: Original tower was built c. 1600 by Inigo Jones but was rebuilt from the outside. Some of the bells – 1600, recast by Whitechapel. All the bells have names and are inscribed with the tenor is called "St. Marys".
[Sic. Query accuracy](#)

The church has a peal of eight bells, remarkably sweet in their tone, and said to be the finest belonging to any of the churches in the Middlesex valley of the Thames, excepting Fulham. Edward Walford M.A. *Village London*

In Church books – "In 1659 about £20 is spent on the re-casting etc. of a bell" [Query source.](#)

The church ... was founded in 675. The tower is believed to be by Inigo Jones. A ring of six was installed in 1791 and increased to eight when the tower was heightened in 1828, with the rebuilding of the nave and chancel. *Ringling world* June 9 1972 p, 454.

Wooden frame believed to date from 1829 when the bells were increased from 6 to 8. [Source unclear.](#)

Treble	29 ¼"	4-3-0	T Mears II	1829
2	30 ¼"	c 5 ¼ cwt,	T Mears II	1829
3	30 2/3"	c 5 ¼ cwt.	R Phelps	1734
4	32"	c 7 cwt.	R Phelps	1734
5	35 ¼"	c 7 ¾ cwt.	R Phelps	1734
6	37"	c 9 cwt.	R Phelps	1734
7	42"	c 12 cwt.	R Phelps	1734
Tenor	46 ½"	c 17 ½ cwt.	T Mears II	1829

Schedule of bells

All slips transcribed. PN 2021.