

STAINES, ST PETER

The tower is situated at the south-west corner of the church which was built in 1894.

Access to the small ringing room on the first floor is via a stone staircase located in the north-west corner of the tower. There are ten narrow arched windows all round the tower. The ceiling is 13 ft. high: there is a set of 13 handbells in B flat.

The belfry is located on the second floor accessed via a ladder.

The bells have Doncaster style canons with elm headstocks and the frame is cast iron of a low sided construction probably dating from 1902. The bells are hung on one level. Ellacombe chiming hammers are fitted to all the bells.

In 1978 the bells were rehung on self-aligning ball bearings (Does this mean roller bearings?) provided by the Whitechapel Bell Foundry (sounds as if they bought them, instead of purchased from). At the same time all the clappers were re-bushed and the tenor clapper replaced with an SG model, also the curved stays were replaced with straight ones.

The bells are rung in full circle.