

KENSINGTON, ST MARY ABBOTS

The tower stands at the east end of the church at the north-east corner. It was designed by G.G. Scott and built in 1872

Access to the second floor ringing room is by a stone staircase entrance on the south wall of the tower. Additional access is from a wide spiral staircase inside the church at the north-east end, through the choir room, and onto the main staircase.

There are eight windows in the large ringing room with a 20 ft high ceiling. The bells 7th to the tenor are rung from boxes. Also in this room are the clock hammers: no clock face on the outside, the clock not currently working (2004). There is a set of handbells with the tenor size of 17.

The belfry is located on the fifth floor of the tower accessed via the continuation of the main staircase.

The low level timber frame occupies most of the space. The bells are hung on one level with ball bearings and have metal headstocks.

A sound control system is in operation.

The bells are rung in full circle.