

SHEPPERTON. Sources

Tower rebuilt 1710. Stock brick. Bells: five. LMAS *Transactions* vol. 18 (1955)

Oblong brick west tower of 1710 crowned by five battlements on the west and east, and only four on the north and south. Pevsner *Buildings of England; Middlesex* p. 136-7.

Small brick tower. Bells are rung from the back of the gallery. *Ringing world* June 29 1944 p. 261.

The augmentation to six bells after restoration of the tower. *Ringing world* August 3 1979, p. 657.

The only tower in England to boast of two external staircases. Tower built 1710. The old church had a turret. The church was destroyed by floods in the winter of 1605/6. Carol Sweetland *Journal of the West Middlesex Family History Society* vol. 10 (1992) p. 12-13.

Article on dedication of new treble with some history. *Ringing world* May 9 1980 p. 396.

The next date of interest is 1877, when the single bell in the tower, which had sufficed so far, was taken down and sold, and the present peal of five bells was introduced, the total cost being £339 16s. 8d. Sixty years later, in 1937, the bells were re-tuned and rehung at a further cost of £139, provided by a private donor. *Church guide*

From the tower: The Ring of Five was tuned, the frame strengthened, and the bells rehung with new fittings by Messrs, Gillett & Johnston Ltd. The Bells were rededicated on 14th February 1937.

- 1 F sharp Cast by John Warner & Sons London 1877 3-3-15
- 2 E Cast by John Warner & Sons London 1877 4-0-21
- 3 D sharp Cast by John Warner & Sons London 1877 5-1-26
- 4 B Cast by John Warner & Sons London 1877 6-3-21

[5 not recorded on VP's slip] Total 25-1-15. Augmented 1979 by Whitechapel Bell Foundry. Steel frame, two tiers, no chiming or Sanctus bell.

Inscriptions

Treble 1979 THE YEAR OF THE CHILD ST MARK 9 v 37.

WHOEVER RECEIVES ONE OF THESE CHILDREN IN MY NAME JESUS SAID RECEIVES ME:
AND WHOEVER RECEIVES ME RECEIVES NOT ME BUT THE ONE WHO SENT ME

2 W, W. MARTIN M.A. RECTOR 1.1.87 What does this mean, if bells were cast in 1877?

3 J. R. BOOR RECTORS WARDEN 1.1.87 Ditto

4 J. C. GOVETT RECTOR 1870 – 1878. Ditto

Information received 16.7.1986 – no peal boards.

Details of augmented bells

- 1 24" 3-0-16
- 2 27" 3-2-14
- 3 26" 3-3-9
- 4 28 ½" 4-1-16
- 5 31" 4-3-21
- 6 34" 6-0-18

Source not given

New framework by Whitechapel in 1980. Frame steel, two tiers

- 1 24 1/8" c 3 cwt.

Inscribed

LITTLE NICHOLAS

1979

THE YEAR OF THE CHILD

ST. MARK 9:37

[Biblical text not transcribed here. Why?]

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WHITECHAPEL

2, 3, 4, 5 & tenor all by [sic, as if not quoting inscriptions] J WARNER & SONS LONDON 1877.
Tenor 6-0-18.

From G F Elphick, Lewes, Sussex. Visited 5-9-1986.

1	24 ½"	3-0-16	by Whitechapel Bell Foundry in 1979
2	26"	3-2-14	by J Warner in 1877
3	27 3/8"	3-3-9	by J Warner in 1877
4	27 ½"	4-1-16	by J Warner in 1877
5	31"	4-3-21	by J Warner in 1877
6	33 7/8"	6-0-18	by J Warner in 1877

From *Schedule of Bells*

Two slips retained as containing anomalies.