

## STOKE NEWINGTON

The church has a Tudor brick tower with a timber spire which was erected in 1716.

The five old bells were recast and a new treble was added in 1828. The former tenor was inscribed as No. 2, and in addition on the waist was inscribed:

GEORGE GASKIN D.D. RECTOR   MICAH CORDER   ) CHURCHWARDENS  
   WILLIAM BALE   )

THE FIVE OLD BELLS RECAST AND A NEW TREBLE ADDED 1828

PN: The last line typed by VP as part of the inscription, but is it simply a statement by the author?

The order came from Geo Webb for the tenor to be recast in 1864. It weighed 7cwt 1qr 3lbs, five pounds lighter than the former.

The clock bell was installed when the old church was repaired in 1770. It was cast in the note of G, inscribed:

PACK & CHAPMAN OF LONDON FECIT 1770 S. TYERS CH. WARDEN

The ringer needs to be alert to ring here, as unusually, the ropes fall in a straight line north to south in the order 3, 4, 5, 6, 2, 1.

On Saturday November 4<sup>th</sup>, 1885 the bells were rung by the local ringers as a mark of respect to the late James Fish who held the position of steeple-keeper for 37 years: T Litten, G Kennedy, W C Waterman, H May, W H Spencer and T Munro.

Source: I G Brooks, Church guide, 1973, p 3; Mervyn Blatch, *A guide to London's churches* 1979, p 309; H B Walters, manuscript; *Bell News and Ringers' Record* November 21, 1885 p 275; *Ringing World* November 30, 2001, p 1187