

ISLINGTON, ST MARY

The tower is at the north-west.

VP: The following details probably need up-dating as they are taken from Roger Booth's Report dated 1987

The bells are hung diagonally in the tower.

The bells are rung from a chamber approximately 18 ft above ground floor level. This chamber is 27 ft high.

Above the ringing chamber is the clock room which is 17 ft 6 in high and directly above that is the belfry which is level with the sound exit louvres in the tower.

Access up the tower is by a spiral staircase in the north-east corner of the tower. The staircase is of timber construction in an otherwise hollow shaft. The other three corners of the tower are also hollow although the shaft in which the staircase is built appears to be the largest.

The bells were rehung, on one level, in a timber frame installed circa 1910. The work also included the removal of the canons and placed on wooden headstocks.

Does the Ellacombe chiming apparatus still exist?

The clock strikes the quarters on the bells. It was made by John Moore of Clerkenwell and is dated 1875.

Sound control?