

POPLAR

The site for the church, graveyard and Rectory was purchased from Mrs. Ann Newby. The builder of the church was Thomas Morris, a local man, who is buried in the churchyard. The tower and spire reach 161 feet.

The bells were cast and hung shortly after the end of the Napoleonic wars. In the same year that the bells were cast, John Moore of Clerkenwell built the clock. The ringers were in charge of the winding gear - now electrically operated.

The two tier cast iron frame was installed by John Taylor & Co., in 1926. The lower level is an 'H' type design and the top tier is an 'A' type with bells 1, 2, 3 and 7 on this level. The bells are on ball bearings and all the canons have been removed.

The senior Society of Cumberlands rang the first peal which was Grandsire Caters on the day of consecration. One of the peal boards in the tower shows that on Monday January 25th, 1827, 5040 changes of Oxford Treble Bob Royal took three hours thirty-four minutes to ring by the Junior Society of College Youths. Those who took part were:- Joshua Harper, James Mash, Edward Wheble, Joseph Ladley, Henry Symondson, Edward Sayer, Samuel Austin, Edward Lansdell and William Rice. This particular peal is chosen as Henry Symondson is an ancestor of mine - one of the 'perks' of compiling this history!

Source: Church guide, (n.d.); Tony Faulkner; *Ringing World* April 23, 1943 p 186 and *Ringing World* August 31, 1984 pp 741-2; Association records.