

## EALING, CHRIST THE SAVIOUR

The present church was originally known as *Christ Church*, then in 1951 came the amalgamation of this parish with that of *St. Saviour* so the church was rededicated as Christ the Saviour.

There was an order from L Matthew, Esq. in 1881 to Mears & Stainbank for a bell for St Saviour's Mission Church situated in The Grove, Ealing. The bell was 3qrs 27 ½ lbs. The bell was 17" diameter hung in an iron frame with a wheel. In 1898 this same firm received an order from Percival S Jacques, Esq., 43 Ranelagh Road Ealing for a bell for St Saviour. The bell which was hemispherical weighed 2cwt 1qr 16lbs and had a chiming hammer. St Saviour's Church was destroyed by enemy action in 1940.

Christ Church was the generous gift of Miss Rose Frances Lewis, of Ealing, in memory of her father, William Thomas Lewis, a Liverpool actor. Miss Lewis also provided finance for the present bells.

Miss D. Harbour became the first lady ordinary ringing member for Christ Church in the Middlesex County Association in 1920.

The tower is situated at the west end of the church. The bells are rung from the first floor. Access to the ringing room is by way of a stone spiral staircase located at the south side of the tower. The room is large with a high ceiling. The belfry is on the next floor. Access is from the ringing room by means of a wooden ladder. The lower louvers are permanently covered with board while the covering of the upper parts can be removed.

The bell ringing historian J Armiger Trollope worshipped here where he was Vicar's Warden for many years.

The peal board recording the half muffled peal rung on Tuesday January 25<sup>th</sup>, 1949 in memoriam Allan Augustin De Vere, Vicar from 1939 to his death January 15<sup>th</sup>, was unveiled by his widow on October 25<sup>th</sup>. It was through her husband's work that the bells were restored.

Source: LMAS *Transactions* Volume XVIII (1958); London Borough of Ealing: *Directory of Churches in the London Borough of Ealing* (n.d.); Michael T Sprackling; Whitechapel Bell Foundry records; *Ringling World* November 12, 1948 p 488, November 11, 1949 p 543 and July 18, 1952 p 460; Association records.