

SOUTHGATE

The brick [?? PN] tower stands over the main entrance on the north side of the nave towards the west end. The tower is capped with a hollow spire.

Spiral staircase to the ringing room

The bells are hung on two levels. On the lower level, in a timber frame, are the 2nd, 3rd, the 5th to the tenor bells and the service bell. The upper level is steel and cast iron frame in which are the treble and the 4th bells. Both frames are the 'A' type construction.

The bells are rung in full circle.

'The clock chime operates on the 4th, 5th, 6th and 9th bells with the hour striking the tenor bell. On the quarter-hour the chime is 4569: on the half-hour it is 6459, 6546: for the three-quarters it is 4659, 9546, 4569: and on the hour it is 6459, 6546, 4659, 9546. The chime is switched off from midnight until 7.00 a.m., operated by an electric motor. The chime is supposedly derived from the aria 'I Know that My Redeemer Liveth' in Handel's Messiah. Set to the chimes are the words:-

All Through This Hour,
Lord be My Guide,
And By Thy Power,
No Foot Shall Slide.'

PN. The above based, almost verbatim, on Willcocks' *History* p. 3

Canons on the Service Bell. VP It has been requested that capital letters be used for this bell and be known as the Service Bell.