

UXBRIDGE, ST ANDREW

The tower is at the east end of the church built in 1865

There is a set of Ellacombe hammers rung from the base of the east wall of the tower – in the church.

Access to the first floor ringing room is via a stone spiral staircase located in the east side. It is approximately 15 ft. square with a ceiling of 18 ft in height and has three windows. There are peal boards, five clock hammers and a set of handbells with the tenor size of 13. The ringing room is also the clock room. The clock, now electrically wound, has its mechanism next to one wall of the ringing room: this prohibits the ringers from standing in a complete circle.

A ladder leads up to the second floor belfry. The bells are hung in a timber frame which occupies the whole space. The bells are all on one level, but the eight bells are hung in a six bell oak frame on ball races, with the 3rd and 4th bells hung between the frame and the tower wall. All the bells have wooden headstocks and they retain their canons.

The Warner coat of arms is inscribed on the 3rd, 4th, 5th and 7th bells, with the word 'PATENT' underneath. The plain bearings were replaced by ball bearings in the 1930's. With the space available, Warner's were unable to hang the eight bells on one level so dispensed with part of the framework and hung two of the bells on timbers supporting the spire.

There is minimal sound control.

The bells are rung in full circle.