

ENFIELD, St Andrew

The church has a projecting west tower.

In 1551 the estimated weights of the bells were; the smallest bell of 8 cwt., the second bell of 12 cwt., the third of 16 cwt., and the largest bell of 22 cwt., upon which the clock struck. The “Saunce” bells weighed approximately 2 cwt.

The present Sanctus bell is classified as Listed.

For funerals, the bell was tolled in three groups of three for a male and two groups of three for a female. For a child’s funeral this pattern was tolled on the treble bell.

Part of a peal board in the ringing chamber records the first peal on the bells rung by the Junior Society of Cumberland Youths on Sunday April 19th, 1809, 5040 changes of Grandsire Tripples (sic) in three hours eight minutes by:- William Williams - conductor, Thomas Ovenden, Thomas Thomas, Henry Symondson, William Mander, Thomas Haynes, William Fletcher, William Vincent. The Churchwardens at the time of the peal were Richard Dews, Joseph Bell and Richard Langford.

There was an order from Mr. Charles E Catling in 1892 for the fifth bell to be recast. The old bell weighed 8cwt 3qrs 12lbs.

The Misses M Boswell, M Cowley, E England, L Wheeler and A Woodhouse became St. Andrew’s first lady ordinary ringing members of the Middlesex County Association in 1930.

Source: Nikolaus Pevsner, *Buildings of England: Middlesex* 1951, p 49; *The Bells of Middlesex*. LMAS *Transactions*, vol. XI Part 1, p 40; H B Walters, manuscript; Whitechapel Bell Foundry records; Christopher J Pickford; Association records.