

## TWICKENHAM, ST MARY

The church is built on the banks of the river Thames. It could be reasoned that the 18<sup>th</sup> century peal ringers travelled by river, whilst visiting ringers in present times who arrive by car have to be cautious if their vehicle is parked near the high water marks, especially in springtime.

The tower clock, the oldest timepiece in Twickenham, was erected in 1789.

There were probably five bells in the 16<sup>th</sup> century and six by the early 17<sup>th</sup> century. These were augmented to eight in 1695.

The names inscribed on the tenor bell cast by R Phelps in 1708 are: Rev. John Hartclif, Vicar and Churchwardens John Bartlett and Paul Mansfield.

The peal rung by the Twickenham Scholars took place on December 28<sup>th</sup>, 1749 of 6000 changes of Bob Major which took three hours fifty minutes to complete. It was rung by William Rolls, Thomas Tibbs, Enos Redknap, Robert Holmes, John Taylor, Henry Cowley, James Webster and James Hunt.

Source: Christopher J Pickford; *Ringings World* November 29, 1968, pp 922 and 924; Association records.