

## DALSTON

The 100 feet high brick tower is situated at the south west corner of the church which was built in 1877. The church is known locally as “the cathedral of the East End.” The tower contains one of two known turret barometers, the other one being in Paris, and a Victorian carillon, complete with several different cylinders with little spikes all over them, like an old-fashioned musical box.

The bells are rung from the first floor. Access is by a grand stone staircase which uses the four sides of the tower. The ringing room is large with a high ceiling; the tenor is rung from a box. The belfry is located on the third floor accessed by wooden stairs to the second floor where the carillon is located. A wooden ladder provides access to the belfry, adjacent to the third pit. The bells are hung on one level in an oak frame installed in 1877 – there are no vertical tie rods.

All the bells have their original fittings, wooden headstocks, Doncaster canons, plain gun metal bearings, cast in staples and baldrick clappers with the exception of the tenor which was rehung in 1997 with ball bearings.