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CHURCH LANE, N. 17

All Hallows, Tottenham. Tower late 14th cent. (1150)

Bells: 1 and 2 1881; 3 - 8 1696; Sanctus 1663. Peal boards
From "King's England - Middlesex" by Arthur Mee. The tower was begun 600
years ago, but the top is 18th century. One of its bells is stamped with
the date 1663, but was brought here at the beginning of last century. It
is a famous bell, for there was a night in the 18th century when its ring-
ing might have changed the course of history. The story is that it was the
alarm bell of the garrison at Quebec which was rung so strenuously when it
was discovered that General Wolfe had found his way to the Heights of Abraham
on a dramatic September night in 1759.

Dove's Guide:- Tenor - 13-2-0 in F sharp

From Mrs. D. Willcocks - N.M.F.H.S. 1985 From 1930 Short History. 8 bells.
According to a record dated 1631 there were then a "pleasant tunable ring of
5 bells." In 1696 the five bells were recast and a sixth added; these were
increased by two treble bells in 1881 as a memorial to the work of the late
p.t.o.

Preb. Alex. Wilson. There is a single bell, the Vestry or Saints' Bell,
formerly the alarm bell of the French garrison at Quebec, which, presented
to the Church in 1801, has since that date, been rung for the daily services.
It came originally from France and bears an ornamentation of Fleur-de-lis
and the words "Sit nomen Dominic benedictum I.H. fecit 1663"

This information from Mrs Willcocks deposited March 1986

From "CHURCH BELLS IN THE CITY OF LONDON AND THE SUBURBS 1902" by J.R. Jerram

1 - 4 inclusive - blank. 5th & P W 1696: 6th & 7th - same as 5th: Tenor PHILIP WIGHTMAN 1696

1/8 29½" dia; 30 & 1/4" dia; 3/8 32" dia; 4/8 34" dia; 5/8 37 & 1/4" dia;
6/8 39 & 1/4" dia; 7/8 43" dia; 8/8 47" dia 13-2-0 all cast in 1950 - no other details
from Schedule of Bells. Small bell I.W. Flemish ? in 1663.

The great bell before it was recast (ca 1612) was inscribed: Robertus Bacar et Christina
uxorius me fieri fecerunt in honorem beatae
Mariæ Virginis

From Vestry Minute Book A Vol. 1697 There are six bells, five of which were recast by
Ab Philip Wightman about the year 1696 // "Previous to this time there was a clock
and only five bells besides the Saints bell. The stocks and frames were all new and
the bells were hung up and finished and a sixth bell added to their number, in
January ~~1696~~ 1696-7 and then first used" (Parish Register)

From Vestry Minute Book E. p. 214. "Previous to the year 1801 the saints bell was cracked,
and the sound by no means agreeable. In April 1801 the Vestry or present Saints bell
as it is called was given to the parish by Humphrey Jackson, Esq., M.D., F.R.S.,
many years an inhabitant of the parish. This bell was the alarm bell to the garrison of
Quebec, and was taken at the siege of that place by General Townsend, by some drunken
sailors before the alarm could be given. It is remarkable for the sweetness of its
sound, and is supposed to contain a considerable portion of silver in its composition. The
sound of this bell, it is said, has been heard at the distance of a mile.

From ms of H B Walters

ALL HALLOWS, TOTTENHAM

On Sunday January 22nd the tower and bells were rededicated. "Of the old ring, the treble and fifth
were recast, the tenor removed and a new treble added to make a lighter ring." "Tenor in F sharp
weighing 13wt 2qtr 0lbs. It is a bell (the seventh of the old ring) which was cast by Philip
Wightman, London, in 1696. In addition to the lesser weight of metal, Messrs Mears & Partners
have refitted the bells in new fitting and framework at a lower level in the tower with the open
louvers well above the bells, thus effecting a great improvement."

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