

STAMFORD HILL

When the church was consecrated in 1861 there was one bell in the steeple, that is until 1865 when the Patron, Founder and Benefactor Mr. Fowler Newsam placed the order with George Mears of Whitechapel for six new bells. The tenor weighed a little over 8cwt. The bells were opened by six members of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

Members of the Middlesex County Association rang the first peal on the bells of 5040 changes of Minor on Tuesday November 17th, 1903 by Mark Fensom, Alfred Glasscock, John E Miller, John Armstrong William Pickworth and Sidney Wade - conductor.

The 1914-1918 War Roll included in the Association's Annual Report for 1919 yields the information that Messrs. F Butcher, E Frost, T F Gerkin, W J Jacobs, R Keene, F E and W E Ringrose listed for Stamford Hill, served with H.M. Forces either by sea, by air, or on land and the Rev. H S R Thornton was an Army Chaplain in France. Amongst those listed as Association members for St. Ann appear the names of the lady ringers: the Misses W Ayling, M Fellowes, M Ringrose and Spires.

The Vicar of St. Ann, the Revd. F J Finch conducted the Dedication Service on Saturday November 30th, 1957 for the restored original six bells and the two new trebles, the fruition of fund-raising and energy by the volunteers.

Source: Ernest J Rowe, article *St. Ann's Bells Centenary* (n.d.); *Ringing World* December 1957 p 806; Association records