

STAINES, ST PETER

The tower is of red brick, topped with green spire. The bells were donated by the Right Honourable Sir Edward Clarke, K.C. as a thanksgiving for the safe return of his son-in-law Major Rees-Webb from the Boer War. The tenor bell is named after the donor, the seventh after his wife and the remaining six bells after his family.

Members of The St. Peter's Staines Society rang a peal on February 15th, 1909 of 5040 changes of Grandsire Triples, Parker's Twelve-Part in two hours fifty-four minutes: Alfred G Butler, Alfred Wicks, William C Parker, John H Preston, Alfred J Redman – conductor, Frederick Richardson and William E Prangley. It was rung to celebrate the 68th Birthday of the Rt. Hon. Sir Edward Clarke, K.C. It was the first peal in the town of Staines by an entirely local band. The Revd. H J Hall, was Vicar, and Sir Edward Clarke and Mr. E Pettit were Churchwardens.

The Misses W Griffiths, E F Mackie, H E Mackie, Ridley, H E Riggs, C Sparks and L. Sparks were St. Peter's first lady ordinary ringing members of the Association in 1921.

Source: *Ringling World* February 8, 1963 p 100; Association records.