

SOUTH HACKNEY

The spire was damaged during the Second World War and a new copper spire replaced the old stone one in 1954/5. The opportunity was taken to remove the bells for tuning as there is no easy way out due to the organ and lack of a vital trap door beneath the bells.

Each of the bells was donated by an individual including the Bishop of Armagh and Mr. Bowdler.

The peal board in the ringing chamber shows that eight members of the Society of Ringers of South Hackney rang a Funeral Peal on Thursday December 12th, 1850 “to the Memory of the Late lamented the Reverend H. H. Norris 42 years Rector of this Parish”. The ringers were: R Griffin - conductor, J Metcalf, T Carter, R Steir, T Jackson, C Mate, C Jarvis and G Page. The Churchwardens at that time were T Craven and G R Longdon.

The bells were quarter turned, rehung and the order was given for the replacement of the second bell from C Winkley to Mears & Stainbank. They were rededicated by The Bishop of Stepney on Wednesday June 26th, 1907. The Revd. J. A. Dodd, Rector, C Winkley and R Sparrow were Churchwardens. The bells had been silent for over twenty years.

The actual date of the anniversary of the first peal in 1848 was not marked by another peal but the young ringers of the new band went on an organised outing of local towers to gain experience in 1964.

Source: Whitechapel Bell Foundry records; Simon Carter; *Ringing World* December 4, 1964 p 815 and June 19, 1981 p 526; Association records.