

## STAINES St Peter. Sources

Prosperous brick building with steeple towards the Thames, 1893-4 by G H Fellowes-Prynne. Nikolaus Pevsner *Buildings of England: Middlesex* 1951 p. 144.

SW tower and short spire. Built 1894 (G H Fellowes-Prynne). Bells: eight, 1902. Peal boards. LMAS *Transactions* vol. 18 pt. 2 entry 159 (1955)

Mrs W Griffin, Miss E F Mackie, Miss H E Mackie, Mrs S Ridley, Miss H E Riggs, Miss C Sparks, Miss L Sparks ordinary ringing members. MCALDG *Annual report* 1921.

The church and bells were dedicated by the Rt. Hon Sir Edward Clarke KC. The tenor bell is named after him, the seventh after his wife, and the remaining six bells after his family. The peal rung on February 15<sup>th</sup> 1921 was an 80<sup>th</sup> birthday compliment to Sir Edward. The ringers were Alfred Hiscock, William Henry, George Cutts, William C Parker, Hubert J Chaffey, John H Preston, William Welling (conductor) and Samuel W Greenwood. **Source not given.**

On Saturday, July 5<sup>th</sup>, the member of St Mary's parish church, Staines, opened the new ring of eight **[at St Peter's]** given by Sir Edward Clarke, K.C.; tenor 15 ½ cwt in C. The bells were cast and hung by Messrs. Warner. *Bell news and ringers' record* July 19 1902 vol. 21 p. 183.

First peal on the bells November 1<sup>st</sup> 1902 by Society of Royal Cumberland Youths in 2h 52m 5040 Grandsire Triples. *Bell news and ringers' record* November 8 1902 vol.21 p. 368. **Copy in suspension file.**

Red brick, green spire. The 8 bells were Sir Edward Clarke's gift to mark his thanksgiving for the safe return of his son-in-law Major Rees-Webb from the Boer War. "Before the octave was formed in 1902 St Peter's had but two bells and these formed the largest and smallest of the present ring" by William Shepherd. *Ringing world* February 8 1963 p. 100.

Monday February 15 1909 in 2h 54m. 5040 Grandsire Triples (Parker's twelve-part) Rung to celebrate the 68<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Right Hon. Sir Edward Clarke K.C., the donor of the bells, and the first peal in the town of Staines by an entirely local band. MCALDG *Annual report*.

Cast iron frame on one tier – probably dating from 1902 when the bells were increased from 6 to 8.

Treble	29"	6-1-0	J Warner	1896
2	30"	6-0-13	J Warner	1902
3	31"	6-1-12	J Warner	1902
4	32"	6-3-7	J Warner	1902
5	34"	7-2-15	J Warner	1902
6	36"	8-1-13	J Warner	1902
7	39"	10-2-3	J Warner	1902
8	45"	15-0-0	J Warner	1896. <i>Schedule of bells.</i>

**All slips transcribed. PN 2021**