

## CHISWICK

The tower was built in 1436 and is at the west end of the church, accessed via the porch on the north side.

A staircase at the south side provides access to the second floor belfry

The bells are hung on one level in a metal low level, single tier frame.

The 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> bells have cannon retaining headstocks and all the bells have metal cannons with roller bearings. Mears & Stainbank installed the frame when the two trebles were added in 1901. This same firm, trading as The Whitechapel Bell Foundry, cleaned, tuned and rehung the bells in mainly new fittings in 1971.

The bells are rung in full circle. Besides being one of the few ground floor rings in the London Diocese this tower is unique because it is at the back of the church in direct line of the High Altar. The ringers stand around the ornate font in the middle of the tower in full view of the congregation. Stone memorial tablets are on the north and south walls. A wall-to-wall six feet tall hand crafted curtain with the fish emblem is hung on the remaining wall. This curtain covers a large door to the churchyard so it is a valuable asset to eliminate any draughts.

Clock bell. It is hung well above the other bells and access is very difficult to ascertain if there is any inscription. The clock and striking mechanism are electric.