

## South Mimms. Sources

West tower C14. Tower has diagonal buttresses, battlemented parapet, and a stair-turret higher than the parapet in the SE corner. Pevsner *Buildings of England: Middlesex* 1951 p. 142.

Inscriptions WBF DB 191/97 and 194/97

Saturday November 4<sup>th</sup> 1899 5040 Minor in 2h 45m. Alfred G Glasscock, John Armstrong, Ernest W Marshall, John E Miller, Arthur Miller, Sidney Wade conductor. First peal on the bells. MCALDG *Annual report*

Details of 6 bells. WBF DB 219/97

c. 1881 P Penkett, G Pickett – Captain of Ringers, L Powell, T Ansell, A J Sherbourne, H Pickett.  
**Source not given.**

Tower erected in the 14<sup>th</sup> century. Several customs – by a bequest of 1698 to all who attend Evensong in the Parish Church on Christmas Eve receive a loaf of bread. Another bequest provides a dinner for the ringers at Christmas, and yet another for a service to be conducted by the Vicar in a local public house on Good Friday. *Ringling world* October 5<sup>th</sup> 1979 p. 838. **See also weights table and other details from same source below.**

Rev. Allen Hay ordered six bell ropes 60' long at 11s. 6d. each 1903. WBF DB 202/97.

Bells: six 1812 (two recast 1893) LMAS *Transactions* vol.18 (1955)

6 bells 12 cwt in 1812. *Bell founding from the Armada to the Great War*

Treble bell given by Mrs Lane in memory of her husband Charles. Geoffrey Dodds and Ranald Clouston instigate the transfer of old redundant bells from Brentford. *Ringling world* February 18<sup>th</sup> 1972 p. 136. **VP: Check with Dodds book and that on computer.** See also *RW* October 5<sup>th</sup> 1978 p. 838"

15-5-1893 Recast tenor. Rev W Wood, 5<sup>th</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> – new 11-3-16, 9-0-5, 7-3-3. WBF DB 133. **Query meaning?**

Tenor	T in F# by Mears & Stainbank in 1893
5 <sup>th</sup>	5-1-11 in G# by Thomas Mears in 1842
4 <sup>th</sup>	6-3-17 in A# by Thomas Mears in 1807
3 <sup>rd</sup>	6-0-25 in B by Thomas Mears in 1812
2 <sup>nd</sup>	5-0-16 in C# by Whitechapel in 1971
Treble	4-1-23 in D# by Whitechapel in 1971.

The earliest record of bells, in 1552, mentions 4 large bells. There is also reference to a bell bearing the founder's name, "Marc-Le Set", dated 1573, which was found in a pond at Dyrham Park in 1929. In 1811 money was raised for a new ring of six, cast at Whitechapel. These were rehung in 1893 and the back 3 were recast. In November 1899 a band came from Southgate and rang the first peal. In 1920 the bells fell into disuse and were not rung again until a new band was started in 1963. *Ringling world* October 5<sup>th</sup> 1979 p. 838. MJA & TC.

Six bells redundant in 1972 were presented by the parish of St Lawrence, Brentford. The 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> plus the historic pre-reformation bell dating from about 1515 have been incorporated with the original South Mimms tenor, third, second and treble, the latter given by Mrs Lane in memory of her husband Charles. *Ringling world* February 18<sup>th</sup> 1972 p. 136.

Details of bells and inscriptions LMAS *Transactions* vol. 19 (1958) p. 59. **Copy in suspension file.**

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