

FULHAM. Sources

The Bishop of Kensington rededicated the bells at Evensong on Sunday July 9th 1950. The ten bells had been tuned and rehung on ball bearings in the old frame, strengthened by vertical bolts and angle brackets by Messrs Gillett & Johnston [Source?]

Before the bells were increased to ten a peal of 10.080 changes of Bob Major which took six hours and fifty minutes was rung January 26th 1735 by the Society of Fulham Youths. Thomas Warland, Edward Hodnott, John Farlar, Miles Dent, Henry Dennis, William Hudnott, Henry Holland, Samuel Walton. William Souch was churchwarden at the time of the peal. MCALDG records

Work on the tower in the 15th century. The 4-stage tower with stair-turret at the south-west angle was given new battlements in 1797 and was refaced in 1845 at which time the wooden spire was removed. Mervyn Blatch *A guide to London's churches* p. 317.

Tower built 1440 and is battlemented. C Hibbert *London's churches* pp. 153-4

Tower dates from 1440. Edwardian inventory of 1549 there were 'V great belles and a lyttell bell in the steple, and iij hande belles' Eldridge cast a peal of six but by 1728 they had become cracked and out of tune. Abraham Rudhall of Gloucester cast the bells and they arrived at Fulham in January 1730. From Gloucester the bells were brought overland to the Thames and then by water. As the barge was passing under the bridge at Oxford it sank. It was a week before the bells could be hoisted out of the river. Fulham bells were increased to ten in 1746 through the generosity of Theodore Eccleston and William Skelton. J A Trollope *London bells and bell towers* (manuscript) p. 1178

October 6th 1770 College Youths. A compleat peal of 5040 Oxford Bob Ten in 3h 45m, with the 6th at home twelve times wrong and twelve times right, being the first performed here. Winstanley Richardson, Charles Purser, William Heath, Edmund Silvester, John Povey, James Darquitt, William Lyford, Robert Ply, Joseph Monk, Joseph Holdsworth. The peal was composed and called by Mr Purser. Peal board, transcribed in *Church bells* vol. 2 p. 367 [Note: both *Morris History & art* p. 114 and *Felstead* have 1776 as the date. Query Heath or Hall, Darquith or Darquitt, Bly or Ply. Peal board indistinct?]

On 9th July 1950 the ten bells were re-dedicated by the Bishop of Kensington after they had been rehung on new bearings by Messrs Gillett & Johnston of Croydon. Exactly 40 years later a quarter peal of 1278 Grandsire Caters was rung for both the Anniversary and a tribute for the life and work of Hugh Page, past Ringing Master. Many who have rung at All Saints over the past 40 years were in attendance. *Ringing world* 10/08/1990 p. 767.

1	28 ½"	5-3-3
2	28"	5-1-15
3	30"	5-3-15
4	30"	5-1-20
5	33"	6-2-18
6	34 ½"	9-0-3
7	37 ½"	9-0-14
8	39"	10-1-16
9	43"	13-1-8
10	48 ½"	18-2-14

All cast by A Rudhall in 1729 with the exception of the treble, which was cast by the same founder but in 1759 *Schedule of bells*. (The second is dated 1727 – ex St Martin in the Fields. From Ranald W M Clouston 1994 possibly based on a footnote in the Trollope MS)

Bells here in 1549. The clock by Gillett & Bland was put up in 1883. Its history can be traced back to 1637. It strikes the Cambridge quarters on the 4th, 5th, 6th and 9th bells.. The curfew used to ring at 8 pm and a morning bell at 5 am. On Easter Tuesday in 1820 the ringers had the right to claim a shoulder of veal. H B Walters *Manuscript*. "My notes S of A 17-4-96-4" per VP. *Meaning?*

Riverside church, the tower built in 1440. 5 bells in 1549 and probably increased to six in 1652 when the old bells were recast by Bryan Eldridge of Chertsey. Six bells recast in 1729 and increased to eight by Abraham Rudhall of Gloucester. The bells were brought back to Fulham by barge which sank near the church; the bells were recovered and great celebrations in the "King's Arms". In 1746 a Mr Theodore Ecclestone of Mortlake gave two more bells. The All Saints Fulham Association of Bellringers was founded on Michaelmas Day 1871 by the Vicar, the Rev. F. H. Fisher, who conducted the Association's first peal in 1879. *Ringing world* January 18th 1952 p. 42. Photocopy in suspension file

1587 Paid for the Queen's Majesties being at Putney for vittles' for the ringers 2s 8d. Churchwardens' accounts. [Per Trollope?]

B Prewett *The bells of All Saints, Fulham*. MCALDG *Annual report* 1905 pp. 61-69.

All slips transcribed. PN 2021