

Marcham bells information

bell	weight cwt-qr-lb ¹	weight cwt-qr-lb ²	strike note	date cast	founder	foundry location	Inscription from F Sharpe ³
Treble	2-3-24	3-0-10	F [#]	1855	Charles & George Mears	Whitechapel	C & G MEARS FOUNDERS LONDON 1855
2	3-3-2	4-0-0#	E	1816	James Wells	Aldbourn	JONATHAN WARD & JOHN HILLIER CHURCH WARDENS JAMES WELLS ALDBOURN WILTS FECIT 1816 [<i>Fleur-de-lys</i>] [<i>Bell</i>] [<i>Fleur-de-lys</i>]
3	4-0-21	4-2-0#	D	1816 ⁴	James Wells	Aldbourn	JONATHAN WARD & JOHN HILLIER CHURCH WARDENS JAMES WELLS ALDBOURN WILTS FECIT 1816 [<i>Fleur-de-lys</i>] [<i>Bell</i>] [<i>Fleur-de-lys</i>]
4	5-0-13	5-0-0#	C [#]	1816	James Wells	Aldbourn	JONATHAN WARD & JOHN HILLIER CHURCH WARDENS JAMES WELLS ALDBOURN WILTS FECIT 1816 [<i>Fleur-de-lys</i>]
5	6-1-19	6-0-0#	B	1816	James Wells	Aldbourn	JONATHAN WARD & JOHN HILLIER CHURCH WARDENS JAMES WELLS ALDBOURN WILTS FECIT 1816 [<i>Fleur-de-lys</i>] [<i>Bell</i>] [<i>Fleur-de-lys</i>]
Tenor	8-1-4	8-0-0#	A	1816	James Wells	Aldbourn	JONATHAN WARD & JOHN HILLIER CHURCH WARDENS JAMES WELLS ALDBOURN WILTS FECIT 1816 [<i>Fleur-de-lys</i>] [<i>Bell</i>] [<i>Fleur-de-lys</i>]

A note received from Whites on the 1988 refurbishment states: “Five of the bells have had their cast-in wrought iron clapper staples and their canons removed and the 3rd bell has been recast. They have been re-hung complete with new ringing fittings in a new cast-iron and steel (anti-clockwise circle) bell frame. The bells have been harmonically tuned in the key of G (Old standard pitch).” The note then lists the weights (presumably measured while re-hanging).

The bells also had their original sleeve bearings replace with sealed roller bearings during the refurbishment. The original wooden frame dated from mediaeval times, a small part of this was turned down to form the present bell shaped “spider” (upon which the ropes can be hung and drawn towards the ceiling).

¹ From the 1988 Whites refurbishment memo

² From the 2005 issue Gazetteer of Bell Tower in the Oxford Diocese CD where all the rest of the information in this table was obtained

³ F Sharpe, The Church Bells of Berkshire, from a visit to the tower in 1940

⁴ The inscription on the re-cast number 3 bell repeats the original inscription recorded by F Sharpe and adds the following additional information on one side:

WHITES OF APPLETON CHURCH BELLHANGERS RECAST 1988 WHITECHAPEL

On the opposite side also appears:

REV. D.P. PRITCHARD – VICAR {J. W. RAYSON S. P. B. CAPEL} - CHURCH WARDENS