

# Diamond Jubilee Bells at St Dunstan-in-the-West, Fleet Street

On Tuesday, 5th July, H.M. The Queen arrived in the City of London for a Service of Thanksgiving at St Paul's Cathedral. As is traditional for Royal visits to the City, she entered along the "Processional Route", that is to say, along the Strand and up Fleet Street. The Guild Church of St Dunstan-in-the-West stands on Fleet Street and the new ring of ten bells rang out to welcome Her Majesty. While she was in London, the first peal on the bells was rung – Cambridge Surprise Royal in just under 3 hours. The band included donors of the bells, Trustees and members of the Fundraising Committee, as well as Ben Kipling, who tuned each bell at Whitechapel. The peal was conducted by Dickon Love, whose 1,300th peal it was, and included the 1,000th different person with whom he has rung a peal.

The bells are an excellent addition to the City of London. Work is still continuing to balance the bells internally, and the external acoustics is being enhanced to allow ringing during times when the church is otherwise in use (which is most of the time). Therefore ringing is necessarily restricted at the moment until such time as this work is complete. It is envisaged that care of the tower will pass from Dickon Love to the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths before the end of the year.

D.R.L.

See peal report on p.775

### Details of the bells

Bell	Weight	Diameter	Note	Cast	Founder
Treble	3-0-12	22 <sup>5</sup> / <sub>8</sub> "	B	2011	Whitechapel
2	3-1-15	23 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> "	A	2011	Whitechapel
3	3-2-20	24 <sup>7</sup> / <sub>8</sub> "	G	2011	Whitechapel
4	3-3-4	25 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "	F sharp	2011	Whitechapel
5	3-3-22	269/16"	D	2011	Whitechapel
6	4-1-15	283/16"	E	2011	Whitechapel
7	5-1-18	30 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "	C	2011	Whitechapel
8	6-0-23	3115/16"	B	2011	Whitechapel
9	7-3-19	35"	A	2011	Whitechapel
Tenor	10-3-23	39 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> "	G	2011	Whitechapel
Clock 1	<sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> cwt approx.	14 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "	E flat	1739	Robert Catlin
Clock 2	1 cwt approx.	16"	D	1739	Robert Catlin



The St Dunstan-in-the-West peal band (in band order; treble front right, tenor back right) (Photo: David Powell)



St Dunstan-in-the-West, Fleet Street, London EC4

### Inscription on the tenor

campana dvnstani appellor; pro pace et salvtate elizabethae cano

WE TEN BELLS  
SUCCEED EIGHT BELLS  
REMOVED IN 1969.

WE FIRST RANG TO WELCOME  
HM QUEEN ELIZABETH II  
TO THE CITY OF LONDON  
ON HER DIAMOND JUBILEE.

All bells bear the Royal Arms on the reverse:



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Bells 1-7 bear the WA & DH Whitechapel foundry mark.  
Bells 8, 9 and 10 bear the AH KH mark.  
The tenor was the first bell to be cast with this mark.