

Oxfordshire

BURFORD PARISH CHURCH

Bells, by Nicholas Cooper

Details derived from *The Bells of Burford Church* (Burford, Friends of Burford Church, 1998). For another account, see F. Sharpe, *The Church Bells of Oxfordshire I* (Oxfordshire Record Society 28, 1949), pp. 66-70.

There is a full peal of eight bells and a sanctus. These are:

Treble:*	1771, 306 kg. Cast by Edward Ansell of the Ansell family of bellfounders of Chacombe and Banbury
II:	1868, 325 kg. Cast by H. Bond & Son, bellfounders of Burford, replacing an Ansell bell of 1732
III:*	1949, 357 kg. Cast by Gillett & Johnston, bellfounders, Croydon, replacing a 1635 bell by Henry Neale
IV:*	1949, 413 kg. Cast by Gillett & Johnston in memory of Leonard Russell Conway, replacing a bell by Henry Neale
V:*	1885, 460 kg. Joseph Carter bellfounder of Reading, 1586, re-cast 1885 by H. Bond & Son
VI:*	1635, 596 kg. Cast by Henry Neale, Somerford Keynes
VII:*	1635, 668 kg. Cast by Henry Neale
Tenor:	c.1330, 903 kg.
Sanctus:*	1720, 38 kg. Cast by Abraham Rudhall

Those starred* carry brief inscriptions, generally the names of churchwardens in the year they were cast. The Henry Neale bells replaced in 1949 are now on the floor in the north transept, where members of the Neale family are buried. The bells are hung in an iron bell-frame installed in 1870.