



Sutton Veny The Church Bells

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Sutton Veny's six bells are now hung on a solid iron frame in the tower. Until 1927 the old wooden frame which served in the old church of St. Leonard's had been used. This was not really suited to the new tower of St. John's and was in bad state of repair. "It might easily have been repaired and used for ringing but the parish preferred a new metal frame with all its potential demerits, and this was installed" wrote a H.B. Walters at the time!

The bells were cast in two foundries and are inscribed thus:-

1. L C 1696
2. L C 1696
3. Mr R BAILEY RECT I E F LONG R EXTEN CW 1695
[Note: this appears in "The Church Bells of Wiltshire" Figure 147.] #
4. Mr. NOAH WILKINS & MR JOHN BEST Ch Wds. WC 1641
Recast 1885
G F S Powell: Rector Llewelins & James, Bristol
R Elling & Jas J Parham: Churchwardens Thos Blackbourn, Bellhanger, Salisbury
5. SAML & STEPHEN LONG CHURCHWARDENS
ROBT & J S WELLS FECIT 1793
6. MR STEPHEN LONG & MR JOHN RUNDALL Ch Wds
WM COCKEY CAST MEE 1723

The 3rd and 4th Bells have been transposed. The 3rd was originally the 4th but when the old 3rd, was recast in 1885 the new bell was made the 4th and the old 4th was reduced in tone by the simple process of cutting down the rim all round to the amount require.

Source: Sutton St. John the Evangelist

<https://www.whitingsociety.org.uk/old-ringing-books/walters-bells-wiltshire.html>