

The Bells of St. Michaels & All Angels, Melksham



The above photograph was taken in 1910 when the eight bells were removed from the church tower for maintenance.

The original church tower held a peel of 6 bells, this tower was moved to the west end of the church in 1865. The original 6 bells had been cast in 1703.

In 1896 a further two bells were added when the 6 bells were once more rehung and quarter turned.

The bells in the photograph are being inspected by the following men from left to right.

Surnames	Given Names	Title	Position	Position in Photograph Left to Right	Notes
Angel		Mr.		Nine	
Angell		Mr.		Seven	
Archard		Mr.		Three	
Aston	Basil	Reverend	Vicar of St. Michael & All Angels	Eight	
Aust		Mr.		Two	
Bloomfield		Mr.		Five	
Burbidge		Mr.		Six	
Butler		Mr.		One	Possibly Cutler
Rumboll		Dr.		Four	

Mr. Butler or Cutler listed above is suggested by other publications as being Mr. Sartain although Mr. Sartain is not named on the original photograph from which our copy has been scanned.

If you look closely at the tree to the left of the group there seems to be a young boy sat amongst the lower branches. This may be a trick of the eye but if it was a young boy who crept in to watch proceedings then we wonder who he could be!