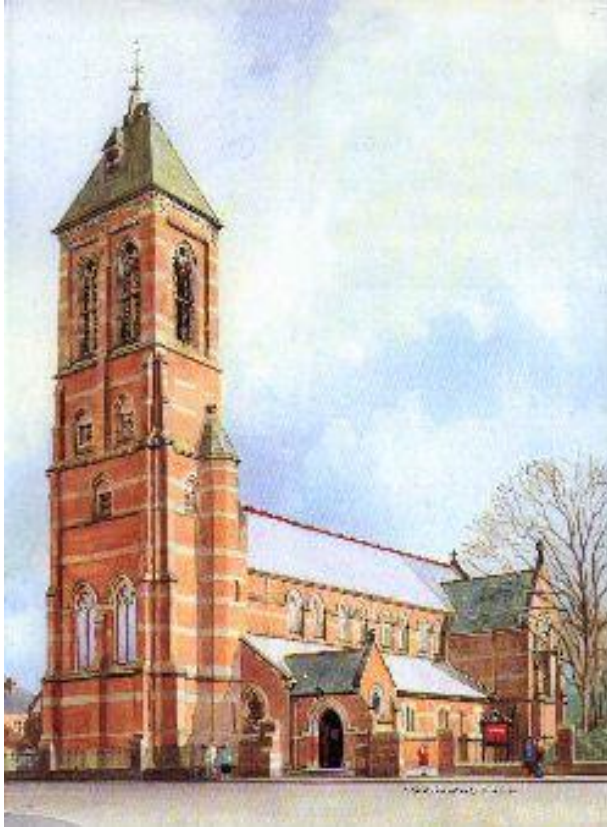




## Tower History

# St Mark, Belfast



The Church of St Mark is located on the Hollywood Road, in the District of Dundela. The tower is rectangular, and a landmark because of its location on a rise overlooking Belfast Harbour.

Shortly after the present church was built, there was an intention of installing a ring of eight bells in the tower. A timber frame for the eight was placed at the top of the tower, but only the treble and tenor bells were provided. They had cast iron headstocks, whole wheels, stays and sliders, for full circle ringing. The remaining bells were not purchased because of the swaying of the tower when these bells were rung.

In the 1950s it was learned that a legacy had been left for the provision of ring of bells, which resulted in the installation of the present ring of ten bells in 1955. Because of the movement of the tower these bells were placed very low, and were fitted on plain

bearings. Also the weight of the tenor bell was kept as near as was practical to 12 ½ cwts.

### Link to tower on web site

<https://bellringingireland.org/tower/belfast-st-mark/>

### Other Links

<http://dundela.down.anglican.org/>

### Bell Weights & Inscriptions

<https://dove.ccbbr.org.uk/detail.php?tower=16753>

### Old Bells

	Diameter
Treble	Thirty and Half inches
Tenor	Fifty and Half inches

Present Day Bells

	CWTS	QRS	LBS	Founders
<b>Treble</b>	3	3	26	Taylor
<b>2</b>	4	0	24	Taylor
<b>3</b>	4	1	0	Taylor
<b>4</b>	4	2	11	Taylor
<b>5</b>	4	3	13	Taylor
<b>6</b>	5	1	19	Taylor
<b>7</b>	6	0	24	Taylor
<b>8</b>	7	0	20	Taylor
<b>9</b>	9	1	20	Taylor
<b>Tenor</b>	12	2	2	Taylor

Inscriptions

<b>Treble</b>	John Taylor & Co. Founders Loughborough England 1955	
<b>2</b>	John Taylor & Co. Founders Loughborough England 1955	
<b>3</b>	John Taylor & Co. Founders Loughborough England 1955	
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<b>8</b>	John Taylor & Co. Founders Loughborough England 1955	
<b>9</b>	John Taylor & Co. Founders Loughborough England 1955	
<b>Tenor</b>	IB	John Taylor & Co. Founders Loughborough England
	W	To the Glory of God And in Memory of James Newell and Mary Hannah Newell The Peal of Bells was installed St Mark's Day 1955