

The Consecration Mallet

The Mallet was used at the laying of each of the three Foundation Stones. These events are commemorated on the Mallet:



On the circular disk on the base:

Presented to Percy GB Westmacott Esq
on the occasion of the
LAYING OF THE FOUNDATION STONE
of St Matthew's Church
Newcastle upon Tyne
1st May 1878

On a plate on one side:

This Mallet was again used by
Percy GB Westmacott Esq
In the Laying of the FOUNDATION STONE
of the Tower of
ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH
Newcastle upon Tyne
7th July 1887

On a plate on the other side:

This Mallet was used for the third time by
PERCY GB WESTMACOTT Esq
At the Laying of the
Corner Stone of the AISLES & PORCH of
ST MATTHEW'S PARISH CHURCH
Newcastle upon Tyne
24th September 1903

The Mallet was subsequently acquired at a sale by Mr John Simpson of Filey, North Yorks, who returned it to Saint Matthew's by way of a gift in 2014. The case was made and presented, also by way of a gift, by Mr Arthur Barnaby in June 2015.