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KELTEK TRUST – Projects in Gloucestershire

Place	Dedication	
Adlestrop	St Mary Magdalene	Relocation of a surplus bell.
Brimpsfield	St Michael	Relocation of a surplus bell.
Cheltenham	St Mary	Relocation of three surplus bells.
Deerhurst	St Mary	Replacement 5th bell.
English Bicknor	St Mary the Virgin	Location/supply of a bell.
Gloucester	St Michael's tower	Location/supply of three bells.
Horton	St James	Replacement tenor bell.
Norton	St Mary	Replacement 4th bell.
Prinknash	Abbey	Relocation of eight surplus bells.
Siston	St Anne	Location/supply of a bell.
Temple Guiting	St Mary	Location/supply of a bell.
Tibberton	Holy Trinity	Location/supply of three bells.
Treddington	St John the Baptist	Location/supply of a bell.
Wapley	St Peter	Relocation of a surplus bell.

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Adlestrop, Gloucestershire, St Mary Magdalene

The unringable ring of five bells was restored and augmented during 2016. The pre-2016 ring was considered too heavy for the tower and has been remodelled into a lighter ring using the old 4th as tenor of the ring of six. The cracked tenor bell was scrapped and the old 2nd bell has been relocated at Pillerton Hersey, Warwickshire.

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Brimpsfield, Gloucestershire, St Michael

A surplus bell from Brimpsfield has been relocated at St Silin, Llansilin, Powys.

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Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, St Mary

The pre-2017 ring has been replaced with a newly cast ring of twelve bells. The Trust assisted the appeal committee by relocating several bells.

It is hoped the 4th bell will be installed at Lathbury, Buckinghamshire as part of the project to restore and augment the unringable ring of five bells and the 2nd and 6th bells have been installed at Hawton, Nottinghamshire.

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Deerhurst, Gloucestershire, St Mary

The cracked 5th bell was replaced during 2006 by a second-hand bell from Coleorton, Leicestershire.

Youtube video of the bells ringing.   https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v4nodSkH5FM

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English Bicknor, Gloucestershire, St Mary the Virgin

The ring of five had been unringable for many years and were restored and augmented to six during 2007. The Trust located a small chiming bell that was installed at the same time the ring was restored.

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Gloucester, Gloucestershire, St Michael's Tower

The former church of St Michael possessed a ring of ten bells up until 1956 when the two trebles were transferred to the Cathedral (recast 1978) and the remaining eight bells were scrapped. The Gloucester Civic Trust has installed one bell (ex-High Wycombe) in part of the former frame.

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Two bells from the pre-2012 ring of eight at Stone, Staffordshire cast by Abraham Rudhall in 1710 at the Gloucester Bell Foundry have been put on display in St Michael's tower. Rudhall's Bell Foundry was situated close to St Michael's tower.

The ex-High Wycombe bell installed in part of the original bellframe.

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Horton, Gloucestershire, St James

The long derelict ring of five bells has been restored and augmented to six. The cracked, under-sized and under-weight tenor bell has been replaced by the former tenor from Writtle, Essex donated to the project by the Keltek Trust. After many delays the scheme was completed during 2010.

Youtube video of the bells ringing. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6HqsPBZulrk

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Norton, Gloucestershire, St Mary

Prior to 2024 the ring of bells were out of tune. The listed 4th bell cast by Abraham Rudhall in 1685, has been replaced by a bell ex-Garthbrengy donated by the Keltek Trust.

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Prinknash Abbey, Gloucestershire

The Keltek Trust acquired the chime of eight bells from Prinknash Abbey during May 2015. The bells had been installed in a temporary structure awaiting installation into the Abbey tower. However it was never built and the bells have not rung out as they were originally intended but hung dead and chimed by hammers.

The 6th and 7th bells have been installed at Laxfield, Suffolk along with six newly cast treble bells.

The 5th and tenor bells have replaced the two Hugh Watts bells (7th and tenor) at Kempston, Bedfordshire.

The front four bells are now the back four of the ring of eight at Holy Trinity, Roehampton.

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Siston, Gloucestershire, St Anne

Subject to Faculty and fund-raising it is hoped to replaced the cracked 4th bell with a surplus bell from Stowmarket, Suffolk.
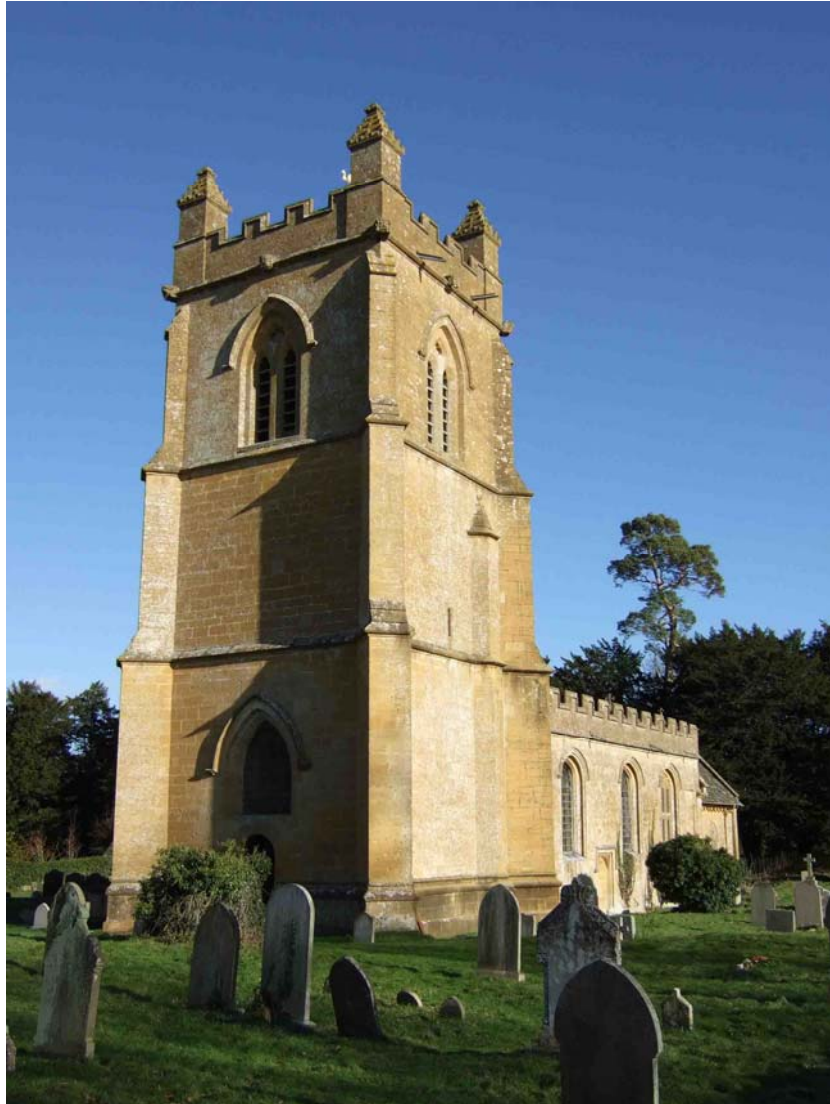
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Temple Guiting, Gloucestershire, St Mary

During 2011 the ring of five was augmented to six by adding the pre-2010 4th bell from Prittlewell, Essex.

Youtube video of the bells ringing.   https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WIsvTS1U68o

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Tibberton, Gloucestershire, Holy Trinity

During 1999 the ring of two bells was augmented to three by the addition of a modern but surplus bell. The parish were keen to augment to a ring of five and two more second-hand bells also located by the Trust were installed during 2004.

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Tredington, Gloucestershire, St John the Baptist

The ring of five was augmented to six with the addition of a surplus bell from the pre-1995 ring at Bishopstoke, Hampshire. The work was completed during 1998.

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Wapley, South Gloucestershire, St Peter

During 2000 the small village of Wapley completed the restoration of its ring of five bells. For many years they had been considered difficult to ring by visiting bell-ringers. An inspection showed the frame was mobile and causing damage to the tower structure; the poor condition of the bell-fittings were a cause for concern, those on the tenor being so bad the bell could no longer be rung safely.

The restoration involved the re-modelling of the ring into a lighter ring of six with the existing tenor being disposed of. The Trust was asked to find a home for this bell and it has now been installed at St Stephen's church, Stanley, Hong Kong.