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redundant bells to be hung
for English-style full-circle bell-ringing.

KELTEK TRUST – Projects in Greater London

Place	Dedication	
Chelsfield	St Martin of Tours	Relocation of a surplus bell.
Farnborough	St Giles	Location/supply of five bells and a newly cast bell.
Fulham	All Saints	Location/supply of a bell.
Hampstead	Christ Church	Relocation of surplus bells.
Harlington	St Peter & St Paul	Replacement 5 th bell.
Kilburn	St Mary	Location/supply of three bells.
Limehouse	St Anne	Location/supply of a bell.
Merton	St John the Divine	Location/supply of three bells.
Roehampton	Holy Trinity	Location/supply of four bells.
Westminster	St Stephen	Location/supply of a bell.

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Chelsfield, Greater London, St Martin of Tours



A second-hand bell from Chelsfield is to be installed at Nunney, Somerset as part of the project to augment from a ring of six to eight bells.



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Farnborough, Greater London, St Giles



A light ring of six bells was installed during 2012. The treble, third, fourth, fifth and tenor bells were surplus recently cast bells located by the Trust. The bells were augmented to eight during 2021 by adding newly cast treble and tenor bells. The Keltek Trust donated the treble bell.



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Fulham, Greater London, All Saints



The ring of ten bells was restored and a service bell added during 2014. The additional bell has an interesting history; it was cast in 1961 by the Whitechapel Bell Foundry and was put on loan to Cambridge University where Brian Threlfall undertook research into the factors which cause clappers to strike the wrong side of a bell. Brian's research has proved to be of enormous benefit to the bell-hanging trade. On return from the university it was used as a demonstration bell by the Whitechapel Bell Foundry until it was installed at St Dunstan-in-the-West, London. It was removed from St Dunstan during 2012 when a newly cast ring of ten bells was installed.

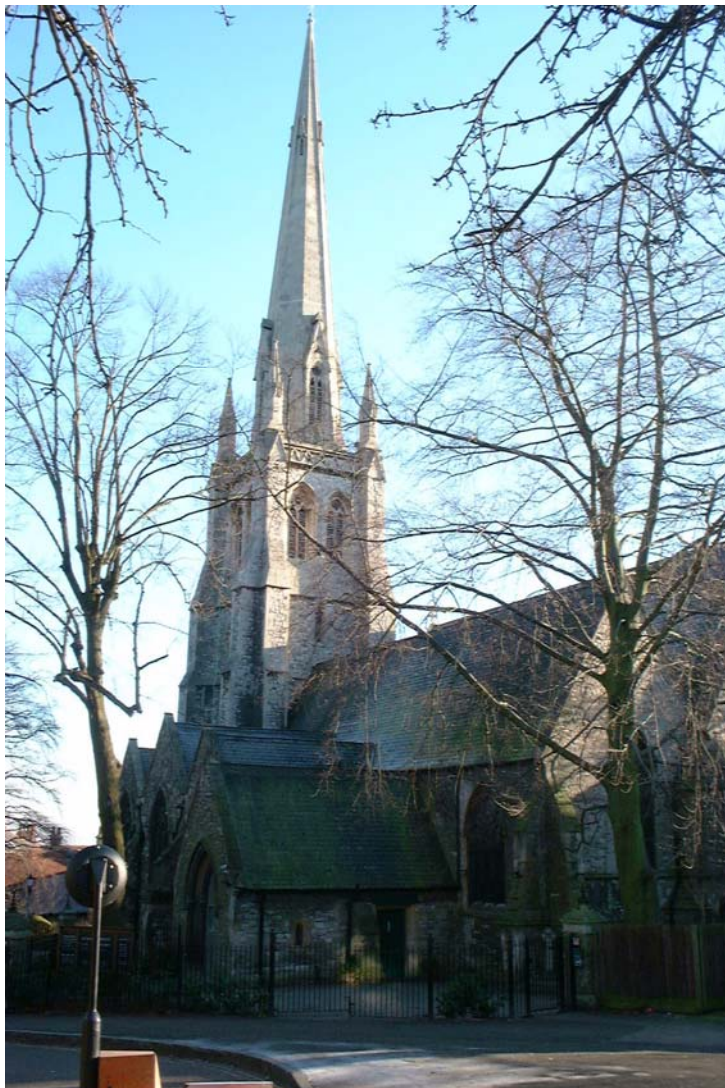


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Hampstead, Greater London, Christ Church



Christ Church, Hampstead, with the aid of The Keltek Trust, has been successful in purchasing four redundant bells, largest 24-0-7 in E-flat from the now redundant church of St. Luke, Cowley, Oxford. They were installed during 2005 as 1,3,5 and tenor of the ring of eight bells for the church's 150th anniversary, and in honour of Sir John Betjeman, who captured so uniquely the poetic beauty of churches and their pealing bells. The four additional bells were cast at the Whitechapel Bell Foundry to Gillett & Johnston profiles.

The new ring replaces a small ring of 3 bells which were provided for the church clock in the 1870s and later adapted for change-ringing. The Trust has helped with the re-location of the surplus bells.



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Harlington, Gtr. London, St Peter & St Paul



The cracked 5th bell has been replaced with the former 2nd bell from Lindfield, Sussex. The restored bells rang out again in June 2019.



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Kilburn, Greater London, St Mary



Three second-hand bells have been added to the existing chime of three and hung for traditional full-circle ringing. The Trust assisted with locating suitable second-hand bells. The parish acquired two bells from the pre-2010 ring at Prittlewell, Essex and an ex-High Wycombe bell was donated in memory of Sarah Stonehouse. The bells were rung for the first time towards the end of November 2012.



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Limehouse, Greater London, St Anne



One of the pre-1995 ring at Bishopstoke, Hampshire has been installed as part of the clock chime at St Anne's, Limehouse, London.



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Merton, Greater London, St John the Divine



A ring of six bells with a tenor weight 11-3-27 was installed during 2014. The Trust provided the third, fourth and tenor bells. These were previously part of the chime of eight bells at Cradley Heath Methodist church. The ring has subsequently been augmented to ten.

Youtube video of the bells ringing.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8imCgKdxSmA>



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Roehampton, Greater London, Holy Trinity



A ring of eight bells with a tenor weight of 6-2-10 has been installed at Holy Trinity church.



The four tenor bells of the ring were cast for Prinknash Abbey and were acquired at auction by the Keltek Trust. The photograph shows the bells being prepared for collection by Taylor's from the auction house shortly after their acquisition. The four smallest bells are the ones installed at Roehampton. The four larger bells have been installed at Kempston, Bedfordshire and Laxfield, Suffolk.



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Westminster, Gtr. London, St Stephen, Rochester Row



The ring of bells has been restored and rehung in a new bell-frame. At the same time an independent chiming bell located by the Keltek trust was added. The “new” bell was cast by Thomas Mears in 1804 and weighs almost 5cwt.