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Conservation by Re-use

Helping churches acquire surplus and/or
redundant bells to be hung
for English-style full-circle bell-ringing.

KELTEK TRUST – Projects in Hertfordshire

Place

Cottered
Great Wymondley
Little Wymondley
Ridge
St Albans

Dedication

St John the Baptist
St Mary
St Mary the Virgin
St Margaret
Abbey

Location/supply of a bell.
Replacement 5th bell.
Location/supply of three bells.
Location/supply of a bell.
Relocation of three surplus bells.

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Cottered, Hertfordshire, St John the Baptist



The ring of five bells was augmented to six during October 2019 by adding a bell ex-Ipswich, St Margaret as the treble of six.

Youtube video of the bells ringing. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XylyxAL1x84>



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Great Wymondley, Hertfordshire, St Mary



The ring of six bells is to be restored and the poor sounding 5th bell is to be retired from the ring and replaced with a bell donated by the Keltek Trust.



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Little Wymondley, Hertfordshire, St Mary the Virgin



This light ring of three has been re-hung in a new six-bell frame and augmented to six using two bells acquired by the Trust. The 2nd bell of the “old” three is of poor tone and has been replaced by an ex-Trinity House buoy bell donated by the Trust. The project was completed during 2003.

Youtube video of the bells ringing.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zzm8WcoJwzk>



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Ridge, Hertfordshire, St Margaret



The church dates from the 14th century when the parish was formed from lands belonging to St Albans Abbey.

Prior to 1998 the tower contained a ring of three bells. A tablet in the nave records a 'Compleat Peal of 120 changes' rung in 1777, a feat repeated for the Queen's jubilee year in 1977.

The tenor bell dates from 1613 and was cast at the Whitechapel bell foundry by William Carter. The connection with the bell foundry was renewed 385 years later when two bells were cast and a redundant bell located by the Keltek Trust was tuned to augment the bells to a ring of six. The tenor bell has been left un-tuned so as not to change its tonal characteristics and its weight is just over 11cwt.



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St Albans, Hertfordshire, Abbey Church of St Alban



A new ring of twelve bells has been cast to replace the existing ring. The back eight of the pre-2010 ring have been retained as chiming bells and the four Mears & Stainbank trebles cast in 1935 are being relocated. The treble bell will be retained in the city; the second has been installed at Thurston, Suffolk to augment from five to six and the 3rd & 4th bells have been installed at Corby Glen, Lincolnshire to augment the ring to six bells.