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

KELTEK TRUST – Projects in Lancashire

Place	Dedication	
Blackburn	St Jude	Relocation of surplus bells.
Bolton by Bowland	St Peter & St Paul	Location/supply of a bell.
Kirkham	St Michael	Location/supply of four bells.
Lancaster	St Mary	Location/supply of a bell.
Over Kellet	St Cuthbert	Relocation of bells from a redundant church.

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Blackburn, Lancashire, St. Jude



An ambitious project to restore the eight-bell chime and hang the bells for traditional full circle ringing has been completed. The chime framework had badly rusted causing damage to the tower and bell installation. The four smallest bells have been replaced by larger bells cast to ringing weights.

The Trust helped with the relocation of the surplus bells and they have been installed at the Malta Maritime Museum as the treble bells of the chime of eight.



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Bolton-by-Bowland, Lancashire, St Peter & St Paul



The ring of three bells was restored, augmented to four and hung in a frame for six for the millennium. The Trust located a redundant bell which was suitable as the treble of six. This and a newly cast bell were installed during 2005.

Youtube video of the bells ringing.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iMmLAzwSlt8>



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Kirkham, Lancashire, St Michael



Prior to 2017 the tenor bell has been unringable for several years and ringing had been limited to the front seven. The poor-toned ring of eight has been replaced with a lighter ring of ten. The ring comprises of six newly cast treble bells and four tenor bells ex-St Paul, Porth.

The replacement ring of bells rang out for the first time during December 2017.

Youtube video of the bells ringing.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ls2FliwZ3BM>



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Lancaster, Lancashire, Priory church of St Mary



During 1999 the Keltek Trust located a small service bell for the Priory. It was originally acquired by Pott Shrigley ringers while they were collecting bell metal towards the augmentation of the ring of three to a ring of six.



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Over Kellet, Lancashire, St. Leonard



The pre-2023 ring of three bells has been replaced by a ring of eight. This comprises five bells from the former ring at the closed church of St James, Church Kirk and three newly cast bells. It had been hoped that all eight bells from Church Kirk would have been transferred but following a Structural Survey it was decided to remodel the former Church Kirk ring to create a lighter ring more suited to the tower. The Keltek Trust funded the removal from Church Kirk and acquired two of the original Over Kellet bells for relocation elsewhere.