



KELTEK TRUST

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 Leicestershire

Place	Dedication	
Ab Kettleby	St James	Location/supply of a bell.
Coleorton	St Mary the Virgin	Replacement 7 th bell.
Harby	St Mary the Virgin	Location/supply of a bell.
Orton-on-the-Hill	St Edith of Polesworth	Location/supply of a bell.
Scraptoft	All Saints	Location/supply of a bell.
Sibson	St Botolph	Location/supply of a bell.
Sutton Cheney	St James	Location/supply of a bell.
Thornton	St Peter	Location/supply of three bells.
Thorpe Arnold	St Mary the Virgin	Location/supply of a bell.
Tilton on the Hill	St Peter	Location/supply of a bell.
Whetstone	St Peter	Location/supply of a bell.

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Ab Kettleby, Leicestershire, St James



The church closed in 2006 because of structural problems but the local villagers raised over £250,000 to repair the church. It reopened during 2013 and has been the recipient of an English Heritage Angel award to mark the achievement of saving the historic building.

The minor-key ring of three has been augmented to six by adding two newly cast treble bells and a tenor bell ex-Gorran, Cornwall. The work was completed during January 2016.

Youtube video of the bells ringing.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6YIWdW63jIY>



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Coleorton, Leicestershire, St Mary the Virgin



The parish acquired a modern Taylor bell from the pre-2004 ring at Kettering, Northamptonshire to replace the existing seventh bell.

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=07d40LOGLzo>



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Harby, Leicestershire, St Mary the Virgin



Subject to Faculty and fund-raising it is hoped to augment the ring of five to six. We have offered to donate one of the pre-2023 bells from St Anne's on the Sea, Lancashire which should be suitable after retuning.



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Orton-on-the-Hill, Leicestershire, St Edith of Polesworth



The unringable ring of four bells was restored shortly after the millennium. A fifth bell was added during 2006 and a sixth bell located by the Trust was installed in October 2007.



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Scraptoft, Leicestershire, All Saints



The ring of three was replaced in 2008 by a ring of six incorporating one of the original three bells. In 2010 the 3rd bell cracked and in 2011 it was replaced by a bell donated by the Keltek Trust.



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Sibson, Leicestershire, St Botolph



The ring of four bells was augmented to six during 2007 by adding two second-hand bells. The treble of six was the former 4th bell from the pre-millennium ring at Kettering, Northamptonshire and was donated by the Keltek Trust.

Youtube video of the bells ringing.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L1dzk1ATha0>



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Sutton Cheney, Leicestershire, St James



The recently restored ring of four bells has been augmented to six by adding two second-hand bells. The second of six was located by Matthew Higby & George Dawson. The treble of six is an undated 20th Century Taylor bell acquired from a scrapyard in Warrington and has been donated to the church by the Keltek Trust.



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Thornton, Leicestershire, St Peter



The ring of three was augmented to a ring of six bells during December 2019 by adding two surplus bells and a newly cast treble. The second of six is the former tenor bell of the unringable ring of three removed from the redundant church of St Mary, Foxholes, N. Yorkshire. The 3rd bell is the former 5th from the ring of eight at St Paul, Widnes removed in the 1980's and the treble bell is a newly cast bell in memory of John M Jelley who left a substantial legacy to the Keltek Trust.



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Thorpe Arnold, Leicestershire, St Mary the Virgin



The ring of three bells was augmented to five during 2003 with the addition of two surplus bells. The Trust located one of these, the second of the ring of five, from a scrap metal dealer in Burton-on-Trent. It appears the bell was cast as a clock bell and installed at a private house in Staffordshire before being removed and sold for scrap.

Youtube video of the bells ringing.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LxK8i0DY7MQ>



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Tilton-on-the-Hill, Leicestershire, St Peter



During March 2004 the ring of four bells was augmented to five with the addition of the old 5th bell from Whetstone. A newly cast treble was added during September 2014 to complete the ring of six.

Youtube video of the bells ringing.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v6WABltdQzw>



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Whetstone, Leicestershire, St Peter



The pre-2002 ring had a weak, under-sized and under-weight tenor. This bell was replaced by a modern Taylor bell acquired from a redundant church in Patna, Scotland. The fifth bell was replaced at the same time with a newly cast bell.

Youtube video of the bells ringing.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sRCGFnNOJ68>