



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 Northamptonshire

Place

Barby
Charwelton
Great Oakley
Kettering
Stanion
Towcester

Dedication

St Barnabas
Holy Trinity
St Michael
St Peter & St Paul
St Peter
St Lawrence

Location/supply of a bell.
Location/supply of a bell.
Location/supply of two bells.
Relocation of eight surplus bells.
Location/supply of a bell.
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Barby, Northamptonshire, St Mary



The Trust located a bell which was installed during 2002 to augment the 15 cwt ring of four bells to a ring of five. The "new" bell is the heaviest of three we acquired from Llandybie quarry, West Glamorgan.



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Charwelton, Northamptonshire, Holy Trinity



The ring of four bells has been re-hung in a second-hand frame for five (ex-Steeple Langford, Wiltshire) and the pre-2008 treble of six from Kington, Warwickshire has been installed to augment the ring to five.

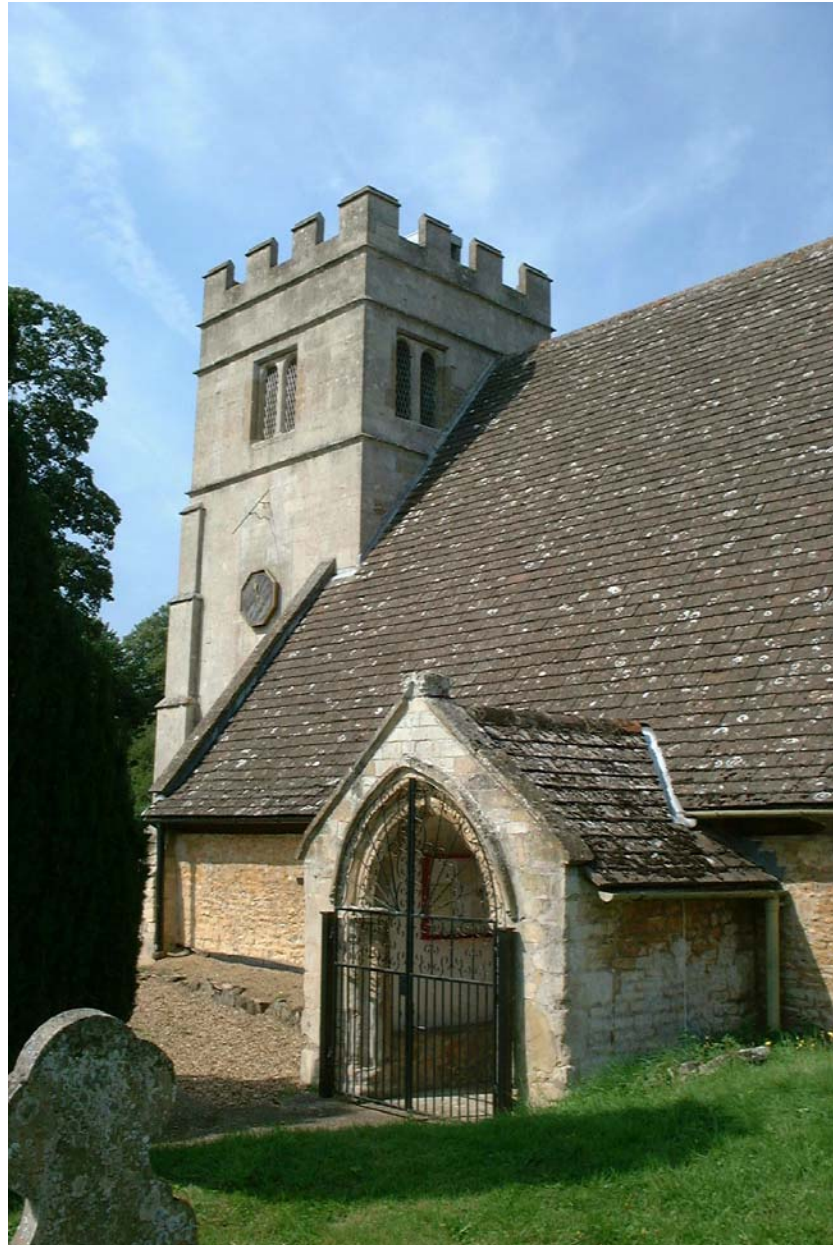


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Great Oakley, Northamptonshire, St Michael



The ring of three has been augmented to a ring of five bells. The two additional bells are former Trinity House buoy bells, one cast by Warners in 1911 and the other by Gillett & Johnston in 1948. The augmented ring was rung for the first time on 22nd March 2022.



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Kettering, Northamptonshire, St Peter & St Paul



The pre-2004 ring of bells has been replaced by a new ring of twelve. The Trust has been involved with finding alternative homes for as many bells as possible. The treble & 2nd have been installed at Strensham, Worcestershire as trebles of the augmentation from six to eight. The 3rd is the second of three at Maplebeck, Nottinghamshire; the 4th is the treble of the augmentation from 4 to six at Sibson, Leicestershire; the 5th has been installed at Holonga, Tonga; the 6th installed in a church in Ireland (actual destination not known); the 7th installed at Collingbourne Kingston, Wiltshire to replace a cracked bell and the 8th has replaced the poor sounding 7th bell at Coleorton, Leicestershire.



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Stanion, Northamptonshire, St Peter



The parish has re-instated the “lost” ring of four bells and augmented them to six by adding two newly cast bells. One of these was cast in memory of Sir John Smith, founder of the Manifold Trust & Landmark trust who died on 28th February 2007. The restored ring rang out for the first time on 9th October 2008.

Youtube video of the bells ringing. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NOPrZGrf7Fk>



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Towcester, Northamptonshire, St Lawrence



The church has a fine ring of twelve bells and a chime of nine bells. The Trust located one of the chiming bells which came from a redundant church at Sharrow, Sheffield. We have also provided a small ringing demonstration bell.