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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 Staffordshire

Place	Dedication	
Butterton	St Barnabas	Location/supply of three bells.
Cannock	St Luke	Relocation of surplus bells.
Colton	St Mary the Virgin	Location/supply of two bells.
Ipstones	St Leonard	Location/supply of four bells.
Sandon	All Saints	Location/supply of a bell.
Stafford	St Mary	Location/supply of a ring of bells and relocation of two bells.
Stone	St Michael & St Wulfad	Relocation of two surplus bells
Wetton	St Margaret	Location/supply of two bells and relocation of a bell.
Whitmore	St Mary & All Saints	Location/supply of two bells.

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Butterton, Staffordshire, St Bartholomew



The unringable ring of three bells has been restored and augmented to six. The original intention was to use three bells ex-Cheltenham, St Mary but an opportunity to use two bells of a similar date and founder to the original three was taken (ex-Mirfield, West Yorkshire). The treble bell is a newly cast bell donated by the trustees of the Keltek Trust to mark the 20th anniversary of charity registration.

Youtube video of the bells ringing. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RAMj7TWEAOU>



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Cannock, Staffordshire, St Luke



Four old bells were replaced by modern new bells to create a ring where all the bells have a similar tonal characteristic.

The old C & G Mears second and Matthew Bagley third were used to augment the ring of three to five at Stoughton, Sussex. They were an exact match and fitted without re-tuning.

The old Matthew Bagley 6th bell has been installed for chiming at the new church of St Michael, Tividale, Staffordshire. The old Matthew Bagley 4th bell was acquired by a bell-hanger and sold to a church in the USA.



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Colton, Staffordshire, St Mary the Virgin



The ring of four bells was augmented by adding two surplus bells. The augmented ring of six was dedicated on Sunday 9th September 2001 by the Bishop of Lichfield.

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GL8BluS33pc>



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Ipstones, Staffordshire, St Leonard



A ring of six bells with a tenor weight of 5-0-15 has been installed in place of a large chiming bell. The second, third, fourth and tenor bells of the ring are from the pre-2014 ring at Christ Church, Bath. The bells were rung for the first time on Easter Saturday 2017.

Youtube video of the bells ringing.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7OwCpp9rQRI>



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Sandon, Staffordshire, All Saints



The ring of five bells was augmented to six with the addition of a bell acquired from an architectural salvage yard in Hemel Hempstead. The modern Whitechapel bell initially appeared to be a century older but careful examination showed it was cast in the twentieth century.

Youtube video of the bells ringing.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nz0Enu2qe3A>



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Stafford, Staffordshire, St Mary



The pre-2022 poor sounding ring of ten bells has been replaced with the excellent ring of ten bells from the closed church of St John, Hanley. We supported the project by donating eight of the Hanley bells. The remaining two bells were cast as WW1 War Memorial bells and were donated to Stafford by the new owners of the former church at Hanley.



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Stone, Staffordshire, St Michael & St Wulfad



The ring of eight bells has been rehung and augmented to a ring of ten. The four treble bells were replaced with six newly cast bells. The old 3rd & 4th of eight were acquired by the Gloucester Civic Trust for display in St Michael's tower, Gloucester. They were cast close to St Michael's tower in 1710 by Abraham Rudhall.



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Wetton, Staffordshire, St Margaret



The ring of three bells have been augmented to six. The original 2nd bell (of three) was cast by John Smith of Chesterfield in 1815 to a long waisted profile. This bell has been re-located by the Trust to Lisvane, Cardiff and has been hung for chiming. The Trust located two second-hand bells which are now the treble and 2nd of the ring. One of these was the treble of the pre-millennium ring of four at Shellingford, Oxfordshire and was replaced as part of the augmentation scheme to a ring of six bells. The bells were dedicated on 26th September 2004.

Youtube video of the bells ringing.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z_fiv0K5wk



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Whitmore, Staffordshire, St Mary & All Saints



The ring of three bells had to be removed from the tower during 2003 to allow essential repair work to be undertaken. The opportunity was taken to rehang the bells and augment to a ring of five and the Trust donated a second-hand bell to the project. Shortly after completion of the work towards the end of 2003, interest was expressed in augmenting to six. A bell acquired by the Trust from a stall at the 2003 Heddington Steam Rally was deemed suitable by the bellhanger and it was hung during 2004.

Youtube video of the bells ringing.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=43RJkN25oaM>