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

KELTEK TRUST – Projects in Sussex

Place	Dedication	
Northchapel	St Michael & All Angels	Relocation of three surplus bells.
Piddinghoe	St John	Location/supply of three bells.
Rusper	St Mary Magdalene	Relocation of a surplus bell.
Stoughton	St Mary	Location/supply of two bells.
Upper Beeding	St Peter	Relocation of two surplus bells.
West Wittering	St Peter & St Paul	Location/supply of two bells.

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Northchapel, West Sussex, St Michael & All Angels



The old ring of three bells was replaced by a newly cast ring of six with a tenor weight of just over 3cwt. The Trust found new homes for the old bells. The lightest bell is in private ownership; the middle bell has been installed in a church at Union Grove, Stockwell and the old tenor bell has been installed in a church in Romania.



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Piddinghoe, East Sussex, St John



The ring of three bells at St John, Piddinghoe, East Sussex were considered lost when the treble was rehung as a lever chime in 1982. The three bells have been restored and three more added to create a ring of six. Two of the additional trebles were part of the pre-2019 ring at Stoke St Milborough and the other a surplus bell from Bishops Stortford. All three were donated to Piddinghoe by the Keltek Trust.

Youtube video of the bells ringing.

<https://youtu.be/YHBudd24psE>



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Rusper, West Sussex, St Mary Magdalene



A surplus bell from Rusper has been relocated at Llanbedr Ystrad Yw, Powys as the treble of six.



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Stoughton, West Sussex, St Mary



The old C & G Mears second and Matthew Bagley third from Cannock, Staffordshire were used to augment the ring of three to five at Stoughton, Sussex during 1996. They were an exact match and fitted without re-tuning. In a subsequent restoration one of the bells was retuned and the other recast.



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Upper Beeding, West Sussex, St Peter



Four trebles were added to the existing two medieval bells to create a ring of six in 1893. Four years later two trebles were cast to complete the octave. The ring was not a complete success, the poor sound and cramped conditions in the ringing chamber left a lot to be desired. In 2008 a decision was taken to reduce the ring to six bells and improve the ringing circle. This work was duly completed in 2009 and the Trust found new homes for the two surplus treble bells.

Both bells were retuned and the old treble is now the treble of the octave at Menangle, NSW, Australia and the old second is the treble of five at Newnham, Hampshire.



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West Wittering, West Sussex, St Peter & St Paul



Two bells were added to the existing three during 2004 to create a chime of five. The treble bell was an ex-Trinity House buoy bell and the 2nd bell was formerly the 4th of the pre-2003 ring at St Mary & All Saints, Kidderminster.