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Conservation by Re-use

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

KELTEK TRUST – Projects in Wales

Place	Dedication	
Betws-y-Coed	St Mary	Location/supply of a ring of bells.
Coity	St Mary	Location/supply of a bell.
Llanbedr Ystrad Yw	St Peter	Location/supply of a bell.
Llansilin	St Silin	Location/supply of a bell.
Mynyddislwyn	St Tudor	Grant towards installation of a ring of bells.
Nevern	St Brynach	Location/supply of three bells.
Newchurch	All Saints	Relocation of a surplus bell.
Porth	St Paul	Relocation of eight bells.
Prestatyn	Christ Church	Location/supply of two bells & relocation of two bells.

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Betws-y-Coed, Gwynedd, St Mary



Subject to fund-raising it is hoped to transfer the ring of eight bells from the closed church of St John, Porthmadog. The bells have now been removed from St John's and are in storage.



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Coity, Mid Glamorgan, St Mary



The clock hour bell struck on the tenor of the ring of six. The Trust located a second-hand bell which has been installed as the “new” hour bell. It came from the remodelled ring at Coggeshall, Essex. In 2007 we supplied a second bell which is to be used as a service bell.



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Llanbedr Ystrad Yw, Powys, St Peter



The ring of five bells was augmented to six during 2007 by the addition of a second-hand bell from Rusper, Sussex. The ring of five bells was re-hung in a six-bell frame by Taylor's of Loughborough in 1939.



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Llansilin, Powys, St Silin



The ring of four was augmented to six during 1999 with a new bell and a second-hand Mears & Stainbank bell from Brimpsfield, Gloucestershire.

Youtube video of the bells ringing.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w9iLnzrZ6SE>



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Mynyddislwyn, Gwent, St Tudor



Although the Trust was not involved in the re-locating of the chime of bells formerly hung at St Luke's, Abercarn, Gwent to Mynyddislwyn, we did financially assist the bell-installation project. Mynyddislwyn was one of the many churches that applied for but did not receive a *Ringings-in-the-Millennium* grant. Bravely they decided to continue with their fund-raising to complete the project. It is a shame that three of the chime were stolen from St Luke's church before they could be safely removed. New bells have had to be cast to replace them thus increasing the costs of the project. The ring of eight bells was dedicated during September 2000.



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Nevern, Dyfed, St Brynach



The unringable ring of six has been restored and augmented to a ring of ten. The Keltek Trust donated three bells, two ex-Brockville, Canada which are the 8th and 9th of the restored ring and a historic bell cast in 1593 as a service bell. The restoration work was completed during March 2021.



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Newchurch, Gwent, St Peter



The large single bell at St Peter's church was replaced by a smaller bell from Shirenewton in 1999. The original bell is now a clock strike bell at Crondall, Hampshire.



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Porth, Glamorgan, St Paul



The chime of eight bells was removed from the redundant church of St Paul, Porth during the last week of May 2015. The back four bells have been installed at Kirkham, Lancashire, St Michael and the front four are in storage awaiting relocation.

Youtube video of the tenor bell removal <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DgGlbeYtSDw>



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Prestatyn, Clwyd, Christ Church



Christ Church was the first church where an ex-Trinity House buoy bell has been hung as part of a full-circle ringing peal of bells. The heaviest three of the pre-2003 clock chime are the 2nd, 5th and tenor of the ring. The ex-Trinity House bell is the 3rd and a surplus bell from London is the treble; the ring being completed by a new bell. The two surplus chiming bells have been acquired by a bell-hanger for a project.

Youtube video of the bells ringing.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bDWgOAgot0>