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Further Information

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St Mary's Almondsbury



Bells Restoration Project

What is the Almondsbury Bells Restoration Project?

The project has been established to complete the maintenance and restoration work necessary to ensure Almondsbury Parish continues to have church bellringing into the next century. It will address the wear and tear of constant use accumulated over 100 years since the last major overhaul & ensure that the bells are safe to ring for many years to come. The 8 bells are extremely old, dating from 1601 and require major attention every 100 years, that time has now arrived..

How will it be done?

The heaviest bell of the 8 weighs over a tonne and combined weight of the bells is 4.6 tonnes; all 8 bells will need to be lowered from the Belfry into the choir of the church before being sent to the Foundry to be refurbished and have repairs carried out. To do this a great deal of work is required within the tower such as constructing new access trapdoors, removing part of the bell frame which supports the bells, and replacing the old wooden headstocks from which the bells are actually hung. Whilst they are away at the foundry in Loughborough the oak Bellframe will be refurbished, the belfry walls re-preserved, new LED lighting fitted and the sound control system upgraded. The ringing room will also be redecorated. The refurbished bells with new fittings will be transported back to Almondsbury and hoisted back into place. They will be tested and approved before a ceremony to mark their return.

What will it cost?

This major, once in a century, restoration will cost £97,000. The Parochial Church Council and bellringers are raising funds but need assistance to meet the totals needed.

When will it be done?

We have to raise the money first. We hope to have raised the entire sum or have commitment to support by the 3rd quarter of 2017 in order to start work in Jan 2018.

How can you help?

We need support from local businesses to raise the money needed to complete this project. We have raised over £10,000 through self help activities but we now need to appeal to businesses within the Almondsbury Parish. The work we need to fund is varied and examples of the costs are shown below:

Examples of Costs

- Ropes - £150 each (8 required)
- Rope Bosses - £70.00 each (16 required)
- Wheels - £900.00 each (8 required)
- Sliders - £50.00 each (8 required)
- Running Boards - £40.00 each (8 required)
- Slide Pivots - £35.00 each (8 required)
- Bearings £220.00 each (16 required)
- Trapdoor - £5,000.00
- Bellframe Restoration - £5,500.00
- Belfry Redecoration - £1,500.00
- Belfry Lighting - £1,500.00
- Ringling Room Redecoration - £2,500.00
- Weather Proofing - £600.00
- Sound Control - £12,500.00
- Bells Restoration - £ £60,000.00
- Accommodation for bell hangers - £1,500.00
- Transportation of bells & fittings - £600.00

Please help this project to ensure a valuable part of our heritage is preserved for the next 100 + years. A commemorative plaque will be produced listing all those contributing to the success of the project. A donation of over £5,000 will be classed as a headline support and will also have the company logo included on the plaque. If you would like more detailed information please contact us at the address below, we are more than happy to provide technical or bellringing detail and plans, and to host visits to the belfry.