

SPONSORING THE APPEAL:

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I would like to sponsor:

Rehanging one of the bells – £2,000

Restoring a rope wheel – £500

Replacing a rope pulley – £250

I would like to donate £
towards the general cost of the project.

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Please make cheques payable to:
St Mary's Church Hampton PCC.

Cheques should be posted to:
St Mary's Church Parish Office,
St Mary's Community Hall,
Church Street, Hampton TW12 2EB.

You can also donate by bank transfer using the reference 'Bell Appeal':
Account Name: St Mary's Church Hampton PCC
Sort Code: 30-98-79 Account No: 02551703.

Please contact us for more information or go to our website for up to date information and photographs and videos of our progress.



HELP RESTORE THE BELLS of St Mary's



*Your opportunity to help keep the
Bells of St Mary's ringing.*

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The Bells of St Mary's

We have launched an appeal to raise £80,000 to keep the bells of St Mary's ringing. Cast together as a set for the current church building in 1831, our eight bells have been a call to worship for nearly 200 years. They are a key part of our local heritage and are rung every Sunday and also for weddings and other special occasions. However, for this joyful practice to continue, a major overhaul of the bell mechanisms is urgently required.

What needs doing

The last major maintenance and refurbishment work on the bells was carried out over 70 years ago. The fittings, which include the bearings, wheels, ropes and pulleys, degrade over time and now need to be replaced. The bells need to be removed from the tower, taken to a bell foundry for restoration and tuning, then returned and reinstated with their new fittings.

We are looking for donations both large and small. Would you like to sponsor the rehangings of one of the eight bells, either as an individual or as a family or group of friends? This would cost £2,000. Each of the eight rope wheels can be sponsored for £500 or a rope pulley for £250.

We also need to cover the cost of raising and lowering the bells from the tower, associated building work and refurbishment of the ringing chamber. As part of the project we will also install a sound control system so that the volume of the bells can be reduced for practice sessions.

What will be achieved



The bells will be restored for the next generation in Hampton.



The ancient art of change ringing will continue. We are one of the few churches in the local area with bells hung for full circle ringing.



We will renew our teaching of bell ringing at St Mary's. Anyone above the age of about 12 can learn and only a normal level of physical fitness is required.



The bells will continue to ring on Sundays and mark occasions such as Remembrance Sunday, Christmas and Easter. They will also be rung for important state occasions.

