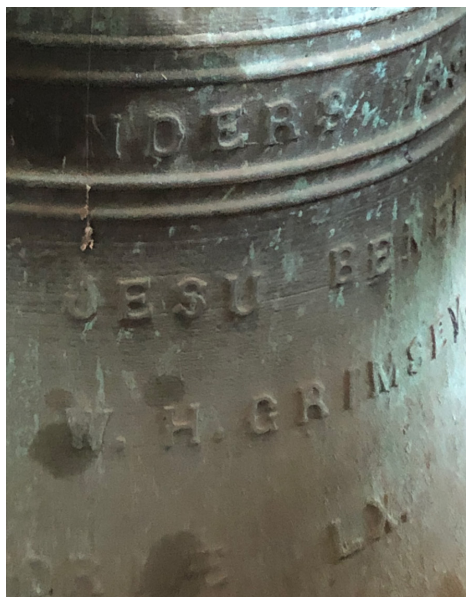


# Bells Project 2024

**Help us restore the bells  
St Mary's, Little Bromley**



**Friends  
Of  
Little  
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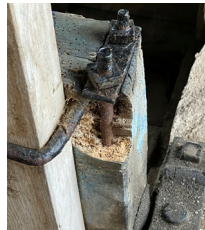


## **The Bells - a brief history**

The four bells at St Mary's, Little Bromley, are hung in a medieval oak frame which is over 500 years old. Two of the bells were made by Robert Burford of London in about 1410 - these are 'listed' as of historic importance. In 1899, Bowell of Ipswich, made the two smaller bells out of the original third bell.

## **The repairs and restoration project**

It is 125 years since work has been done to the bells and a major restoration is overdue. The bells are currently un-ringable for more than a few minutes at a time. The restoration and repair of the bells involves them being taken down from the tower and sent to the bell foundry. The two medieval bells will be conserved to prevent them from cracking and the two newer bells will be retuned, and all the 1899 fittings - wheels, stays, pulleys and mechanics - will be renewed and refitted.



## All-age ringers

We have a keen volunteer team, with ages from 25 to 70+ who are ready to ring the restored bells. They would like to ring each month, at community events arranged by the Friends Of Little Bromley Church, and at occasional church services. They expect visiting teams to enjoy ringing these historic bells in a beautiful setting.

## The project cost and fundraising

The project budget is £40,000 - this covers the required bell repairs and works to the bell frame and bell chamber. As of July 2024, £18,000 has been given, pledged, and due in Gift Aid. As St Mary's is a 'redundant' church it does not qualify for some of the usual grant sources.

Our appeal is primarily reliant on personal donations and fund raising - information about how you can donate and help restore the bells is detailed overleaf.

# How can you help?

**The Friends of Little Bromley Church need to raise £ 40,000 to restore the bells.**

**Please donate what you can to:**

Account Name: Friends of Little Bromley Church  
Account Number: 23862068  
Sort Code: 60-05-33  
Reference: Bells

All donations received will be sent in full to The Churches Conservation Trust (CCT) who are contracting for the work, claiming Gift Aid recovery and VAT grants.

If you are a UK taxpayer please use a CCT Gift Aid envelope or form so that the CCT can claim the Gift Aid.

Please contact our Treasurer, Gavin Edwards, on 07903 405897, for a Gift Aid envelope or Gift Aid Form, or if you have any queries about how to donate.

**Thank you in advance for your generosity and interest in our appeal to refurbish the bells at St Mary's.**



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