

Ringling the bells

The bells are rung for Sunday services, weddings and Thursday practice night.

On the Thursday practice nights new ringers are taught to master the skill of "full circle" ringing – first to be able to control the bell and then to ring with the other bells in sequence and eventually to ring "changes" where the bells interweave with each other in set patterns called "methods". This is a fascinating process which can lead to an enjoyable lifelong pastime learning ever more methods, meeting ringers from elsewhere, ringing at towers throughout the local area and indeed throughout the country.



If you would like to know more about bell ringing in Repton and perhaps even have a go please contact David Roberts on 01283 702159 or drob8443@aol.com or any of the ringers, or simply come on a Thursday night at 7.30 when you will be given a warm welcome.

The Tower Clock



The clock was made by Rippon of Sheffield in 1868. There is a plaque on the tower as follows ..

The clock was placed in this church tower as a memorial of Catherine Temple Pears by the many friends of all classes to whom she was dear.

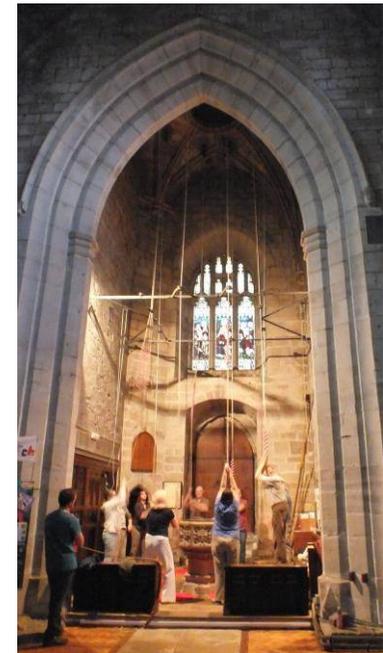
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We believe that God calls us in Christ to be
a loving community;
Guided by the Bible, tradition, and the Holy Spirit;
Grounded in worship and prayer;
Expressing our Christian faith in all that we do.

The Tower Bells of St Wystan's Church



St Wystan's Parish Church
Repton

Benefice of Foremark and Repton with Newton Solney

“St. Wystan’s has a fine ring of eight bells”

The earliest reference to St. Wystan’s bells is from the Churchwarden and Constable’s accounts of 1583 when a bell was taken down, recast and reinstalled.

During the 1885-6 restoration of the church the western arch was opened up and the floor of the ringing chamber removed bringing the ringers down to ground level .

In 1896 the bells were extensively overhauled including repair of the cracked 5th and 6th , and installed in a new iron frame.

The present ring of eight was completed in 1935 when the bells were re-hung and the current nos. 1 and 2 were added to make the full peal. The work was done by Taylors of Loughborough. The two new bells cost £178.

The Bells

Bell No: 1 (Treble)

Cast in 1935 by John Taylor & Co. Loughborough
Diameter 2' 4", Height 1' 10¾", Weight 5 cwt 0 q 10 lbs. Tuned in the note E .

Inscription:

'Ring out the false, ring in the true. Alfred Woodrooffe Fletcher, Vicar. 1935'.

Bell No: 2

Cast in 1935 by John Taylor & Co. Loughborough
Diameter 2' 55/8", Height 1' 117/8", Weight 5 cwt 3 q 2 lbs. Tund in the note D# .

Inscription:

'1935 This bell was given by William W. Worthington to the glory of God and in memory of his father Albert Octavius Worthington of Maple Hayes, Lichfield, who was a pupil at Repton School under Dr. Pears and was later appointed a governor of the school. He died in Mav. 1918.

Bell No: 3

Cast in 1721 by Abraham Rudhall of Gloucester
Diameter 2' 9", Height 2' 3", Weight 7 cwt 3 q 19 lbs
Tuned in the note C# .

Inscription:

*'Fravncis Thacker of Lincolns Inn, Esqr. AR 1721'
AR are the initials of the bell founder, Abraham Rudhall, of Gloucester*

Bell No: 4

Cast in 1622 . Diameter 2' 10¾", Height 2' 4½",
Weight 7 cwt 2 q 27 lbs. Tuned in the note B.

Inscription:

*'I sweetly toling men do call to taste on meats that
feed the soul 1622 Godfrey Thacker Jane
Thacker'*



Bell No: 5

Cast in 1774 by Pack & Chapman, London
Diameter 3' 0½", Height 2' 4½", Weight 8 cwt 1 q 18 lbs. Tuned in the note A .

Inscription:

*'Thos. Gilbert & Jno Tetley Church Wardens
1774 Pack & Chapman of London Fecit.'*

Bell No: 6

Believed to have been cast by Richard Brasyer, Bell Founder of Norwich, who died in 1513. However, recent study of the Brayser marks suggests that it may have been made by Richard's father in the 1490s. Diameter 3' 2", Height 2' 6½", Weight 9 cwt 2 q 21 lbs . Tuned in the note G# .

Inscription and bell mark:

'+ Melodie Nomen Tenet Magdalene'
Bell mark of Richard Brasyer, of Norwich, Bell founder, who died in 1513. A shield ; a lion's head ; a crown : a cross

Bell No: 7

Also cast by Richard Brasyer
Re-cast in 1896 by John Taylor & Co, Loughborough
Diameter 3' 6", Height 2' 10", Weight 12 cwt 2 q 26 lbs . Tuned in the note F#.

Inscription and bell mark:

'Vox dni ihu xri vox exultacionis'
Bell mark of Richard Brasyer ; a king's head ; a cross
Bell mark of John Taylor & Co.

Bell No: 8 (Tenor)

Bears the date of 1677
Re-cast by John Taylor & Co, Loughborough in 1896
Diameter 3' 11", Height 3' 1", Weight 17 cwt 3 q 0 lbs. Tuned in the note E.

Inscription and bell mark:

*'Hec campana sacra fiat trinitate beata Gilb.
Thackar Esq ; IC ; MW ; Ch Wardens 1677
(recast 1896) G. Woodyatt, Vicar
J Astle TE Auden Churchwardens'*
Bell mark of John Taylor & Co.