

St Brannocks Church Bells

Within the tower is a ring of eight bells. In 1928 they were re-hung on a modern cast iron frame. They are now mounted lower in the tower than the Spire Louvers, this has resulted in reducing the volume of sound when heard from outside.

They bear the following inscriptions:

Treble: Given by A. S. Richards, 1886 - Taylor and Co., Loughborough. Founders.
Weight :- 5 cwt, 2 qtr, 4 lb.

Second: Taylor and Co., Founders, Loughborough, 1886.
Weight :- 5 cwt, 3 qtr, 26 lb.

Third: W. G. Morcom, Vicar; G. H. Day, G. Hartnoll,
Churchwardens. Taylor and Co., Loughborough, 1885.
Weight :- 6 cwt, 2 qtr, 1 lb.

Fourth: J. Day, R. Passmore, Senr., Ch. Wd's - Re-cast by J. Taylor, Oxford, 1829.
Weight :- 7 cwt, 1 qtr, 7 lb.

Fifth: God Preserve Queen Anne and the Church. Cast by Evan I Evans, 1713.
Weight :- 8 cwt, 2 qtr, 11 lb.

Sixth: This bell was re-cast at the sole expense of Robt. Chichester, Esq., and the Revd. J. W. R. Landon, Vicar, by John Taylor & Co., Loughborough in the year of our Salvation, 1830.
Weight :- 10 cwt, 2 qtr, 21 lb.

Death has entered our Palaces
Thy regal pomp O King has flown
Another wears thy earthly crown.
(The bell was at the foundry when King George IV died, and the above inscription commemorates the event.)

On the other side is written:-
Aegrotante Rege fatiscens conticuri
Convalescente Rege recoctus resono
MCMXXX

J. H. Prince, Vicar; W. B. Incledon-Webber, R. Perryman; Church Wardens.
(The Latin inscription above may be thus translated:- "The king, being ill, I cracked and became dumb.

The king got well, re-cast, again I hum".
It commemorates the occasion, in November, 1928, when the bell cracked while a peal was being rung.
At the time King George V was seriously ill, but later made a remarkable recovery.)

Seventh: Glory to God on High. Robert Chichester caused me and the second to be re-cast by John Taylor, Oxford, 1830. Rev. J. W. R. Landon, Vicar. W. Perryman, W. Dyer, Church Wardens.
Weight :- 13 cwt, 1 qtr, 23 lb.

Tenor: Cast by Evan I Evans 1713.
Let my Sound move thee to God's Glory. Antho. Gregory, Vicar, 1713. E.E.
Weight :- 16 cwt, 0 qtr, 25 lb.

Notes taken from :- Doves:- 'Guide to Church Bells' and 'St Brannocks Church Guide' by Revd Owen.

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