

The five bells

- 1st Treble, the smallest bell at present at 198 kgs, recast in 1896 (Queen Victoria)
- 2nd 227 kgs, recast in 1721 (George I)
- 3rd 302 kgs, recast in 1756 (George II)
- 4th 378 kgs, the oldest bell, cast about 1400 (Henry IV), has been listed as being worthy of preservation by the Churches Building Council (Church Care)
- 5th Tenor – the largest bell at 389 kgs, cast in 1758 (George II)
- 6th The new (slightly smaller) treble bell will be cast in April 2018 (Elizabeth II)

1st Bell

Inscription:

M.T.Xp.T.V. (Mater Christi Virgo)
Cast by William Dawe 1400

The treble, the smallest bell, *about half as heavy as a horse*
Weighing 198 kg. 4cwt 2qrs

Diameter 27 inches. 68.6 cm

Originally cast in 1400,
recast in 1888 recast by Mears and Stainbank of
Whitechapel, with the original inscription reproduced



2nd Bell

Inscription:

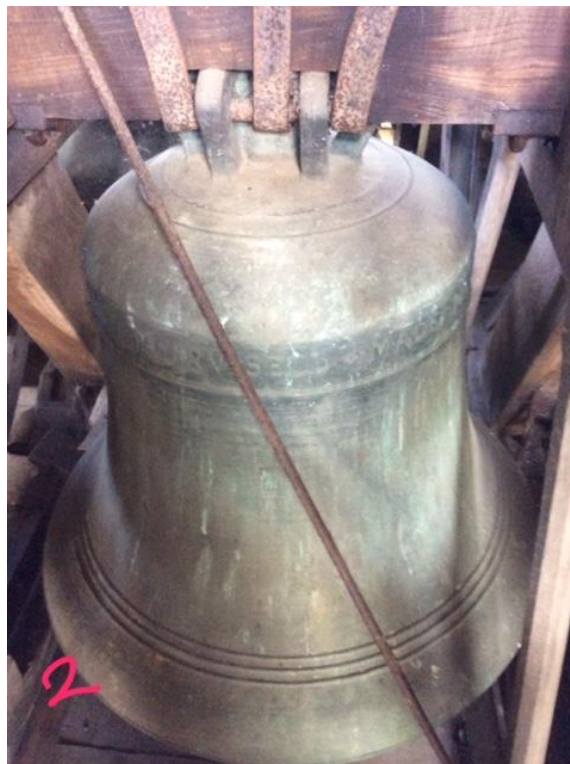
Thomas Russel Made Me 1721.

Originally cast in 1529 by Robert Oldfield,
recast in 1721 by Thomas Russel of Wooten, Bedfordshire

Weighs 227 kg. 5cwt. 0qrs.

Diameter 28.5 inches. 72.4 cm

1896 taken down and rehung in new oak bell cage, and quarter turned. (The clapper would have worn the inside of the bell where it strikes. Turning the bell would give the clapper a new surface to strike against thus giving a brighter sound)



3rd Bell

Inscription:

Jos Eayre St.Neots Fecit 1756.

Originally cast in 1529 by Robert Oldfield,
recast in 1756 by Joseph Eayre of St Neots

Weighs 302kg 6cwt. 0qrs

Diameter 30 inches. 76.2 cm

1896 taken down and rehung in new oak bell cage, and
quarter turned.



4th Bell

Inscription:

*Sanctuary Caterina Ora Pro Noblis
Cast by William Dawe 1400*

The only one remaining of the original bells,
now listed as being worthy of preservation by the
Churches Building Council (Church Care).

Weights 378 kg. 6cwt. 3qrs.

Diameter 33.25 inches. 84.45 cm

1896 taken down and rehung in new oak bell cage, and
quarter turned.



5th Bell

Inscription:

*Praise the Lord 1758
Cast by Joseph Eayre*

Originally cast in 1529 by Robert Oldfield, and recast in 1550 by William Culverden of London, having been broken by the local ringers.

Recast again in 1758, this time by Joseph Eayre of St Neots.

The tenor, the largest bell

Weighing 389kg. 8cwt. 2qrs

Diameter 35 inches. 88.9 cm

1896 taken down and rehung in new oak bell cage, and quarter turned.

It is proposed that this bell is recast again to improve its tone.



6th Bell

the proposed 6th Bell will be a treble,

and will be hung behind the original No. 1 treble bell

*To weigh 389kg. 3cwt. 1qrs
and therefore smaller than the existing treble.*

Diameter 25 inches. 63.5 cm

The foundry badge, year of casting and decorative border to be applied as well as an inscription commemorating the 90th birthday of The Queen