

St Patrick's Church



Bampton



BELL APPEAL



Will you help?

The Parish Church of St Patrick, rebuilt 1726, restored 1884



As a result of a generous offer of an individual sponsorship and the revival of interest in the community of the centuries-old tradition of bell ringing, the PCC is giving its support to an independent and self-financing project.

Is Bampton village, St Patrick's Church or the parish a special place for you or for your family? If the answer to any of these questions is 'yes' then please help us to achieve our Aims below.

The Aims of the Project

1. To install a new ring of six bells hung for English full circle ringing in the church tower beneath the old bells and create a new ringing chamber and access.
2. To preserve the existing five 18th century bells in the original oak frame, and overhaul the clock mechanism and chimes which are part of the history and heritage of the village.
3. To support the revival of interest in the centuries-old tradition of bell ringing.

Diocesan approval has been obtained for the project and St Patrick's PCC is now looking for donations and sponsorship for this 'once in a lifetime' exciting scheme and is also exploring the availability of grants. Note that all donations lend themselves to charity giving and Gift Aid.

Would you consider contributing to the appeal?

► The installation of the six new bells

The bells will have names that reflect the area of the parish and will be named Bampton, Bomby, Burnbanks, Butterwick, Knipe and Lowther (river).

You may wish to make a donation to the cost of a bell or even become its sponsor by giving the full amount.

As the sponsor you could have an inscription placed on the bell in memory of a family member, to celebrate a family event such as a golden wedding or simply to support the revival of a centuries old tradition in the



parish.

Sponsors could also jointly fund the cost of a bell.

Bell inscriptions are permanent and cannot be removed. Your bell would be put to practical use and will be heard ... for ever!

Remember bells last for centuries

Alternatively, you may wish to make a general donation to the cost of the project or to the cost of overhauling the clock mechanism or preserving the old bells:

► Overhauling the clock and chime mechanism

We are overhauling the clock and its chiming mechanism which sounds an unusual chime called 'Stoke St Gregory'. The clock and its chime are part of the valley's history and heritage.



► Preservation of the old bells

We are preserving the five 18th century bells which still hang in their original oak frame. The bells were hung for English 'full circle' ringing but, sadly, the frame and fittings have suffered the passage of time and the bells cannot be rung 'full circle' any more. So the bells and the frame will be renovated and preserved for the future and the chime will continue to sound on them for centuries!

Should they wish, all sponsors and those who make donations to any aspect of the project will have their names included on a plaque to be placed in the entrance porch of the church.

PLEASE SUPPORT THIS EXCITING PROJECT

You can find out more at:

www.bamptonlakedistrict.org.uk and on





Most of St Patrick's Church, as we see it today, was built in 1726-1727. It is first mentioned in 1170 when services were often taken by the Canons of Shap Abbey. By 1291 Bampton became a parish in its own right with a vicar.

The church tower has a ring of five bells which were all cast in the 18th century and hang in the original oak frame. The treble and second bells are the oldest and were cast in 1729. They bear the Latin inscription "To God's Glory" and "I Call The People".

The bells were hung for English 'full circle' ringing but the frame and fittings deteriorated with time. They were last rung 40 years ago by a visiting band of bell ringers who were touring Westmorland to ring all the church bells prior to the formation of the County of Cumbria.

At present, the bells can be heard striking the quarter hours and hours for the church clock to an unusual chime, the 'Stoke St Gregory' chime, named after the Somerset church that commissioned them from the organist at St Paul's Cathedral in 1895. The Potts & Co clock mechanism and chime were given to the church in 1909 by Miss Jane Dalton, a long-time resident of Bampton Grange. The bells and their chime are well-loved by the community and are part of the history and heritage of the valley.

The lych gate
Given in 1929
by Manchester
Corporation



A Short History of St Patrick's Church Bampton

ALL DONATIONS TO THE PROJECT ARE MOST WELCOME

► You can sponsor a bell either individually or as a joint venture with other donors. The cost of three of

Bell	Cost /£	Cost to you with Gift Aid /£
1	6065	4852
3	6688	5350
6	9153	7322

the bells, including headstock, wheel and stay (as illustrated overleaf) is shown in the middle column.

If you Gift Aid your donation the actual cost to you is shown in the right hand column.

► You can make a general donation to the project to support the renovation of the old bells and their chime or the overhaul of the clock mechanism.

Would you be interested in sponsoring a bell or making a donation to this exciting project?

All donations will be acknowledged and paid into a restricted fund. Your donation will be returned in full should the project, for whatever reason, not proceed.

If you have an internet banking facility then your donation can be made direct to *Bampton PCC (Bell Appeal)* at the CAF Bank:

Bank Account number: 00008269
Sort Code: 40-52-40
Reference: Bell Appeal

Please remember to include your name and address and that this is a donation to the Bell Appeal.

Or you can write a cheque made payable to: *Bampton PCC Bell Appeal* and send it to the following address:

Mr A Hall
Churchwarden
Lowther Cottage
Knipe
Askham
Penrith CA10 2PU

If you would like further information, please contact either:

Mrs Kathy Jenkins OR
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If you know of anyone who shares your affection for Bampton and its valley, please tell them about the project and urge them to support it.

Remember, please Gift Aid your donation

You can boost your donation by 25p for every £1 you give. Gift Aid is reclaimed from the tax you pay for the current tax year. In order to Gift Aid you must be a UK tax payer and complete the declaration below:

Charity Gift Aid Declaration - single donation

I want to Gift Aid my donation of £

to: **Bampton PCC (Bell Appeal)**

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Surname:

Full Home address:

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