

BELL RESTORATION REPORT 2024

- ASH NEXT SANDWICH Frame painted and new flooring installed under bells with some other minor works.
- BIDDENDEN Some ongoing work.
- BOXLEY Some works carried out and awaiting permission to install a rope guide.
- BROADSTAIRS Adjustment to electro solenoid.
- CANTERBURY All Saints Inspection of single bell.
- EGERTON Advice.
- KILNDOWN New ropes fitted. For those who remember the vertical ladder have not been here recently, you will be pleased to hear that access is by stairs and a very heavy trapdoor.
- LITTLE CHART This church is now disused, and a watch is being kept as to what might happen to the bells. Ideas of putting them in Westwell have been suggested but the tower is not very strong there.
- PENSHURST They are hoping to get the bells out in January but there has been a delay in getting the faculty.
- STANFORD Single bell to be re-roped
- SHIPBOURNE New pulley sheaves to be fitted locally ex KCACR.
- SNARGATE Re-roping of the 3 swing chiming bells.
- STOCKBURY Site meeting and inspection with DAC secretary rep. Things were starting up here with possible installation of a treble in the spare pit. Awaiting report from Matthew Higby. The second bell has cracked which has slowed things down a bit.
- STONE IN OXNEY Repair to 5th started/ will start/complete.
- TONBRIDGE Bells have been removed by Taylors with KCACR assistance. Rehang in January.
- TUNSTALL Pulley sheaves replaced.
- UPCHURCH Some remedial work being done.
- WEST PECKHAM A rope guide has been installed.

LPOW scheme. The listed places of worship VAT refund scheme has been changed. There are some new limits. The scheme will run for another year and you will still get the equivalent 20% back but each building can only claim a maximum of £25000 and the scheme is capped at £23,000,000 where £42,000,000 was given back last year

A bell maintenance course was run at Barming and another will run in the New Year.

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