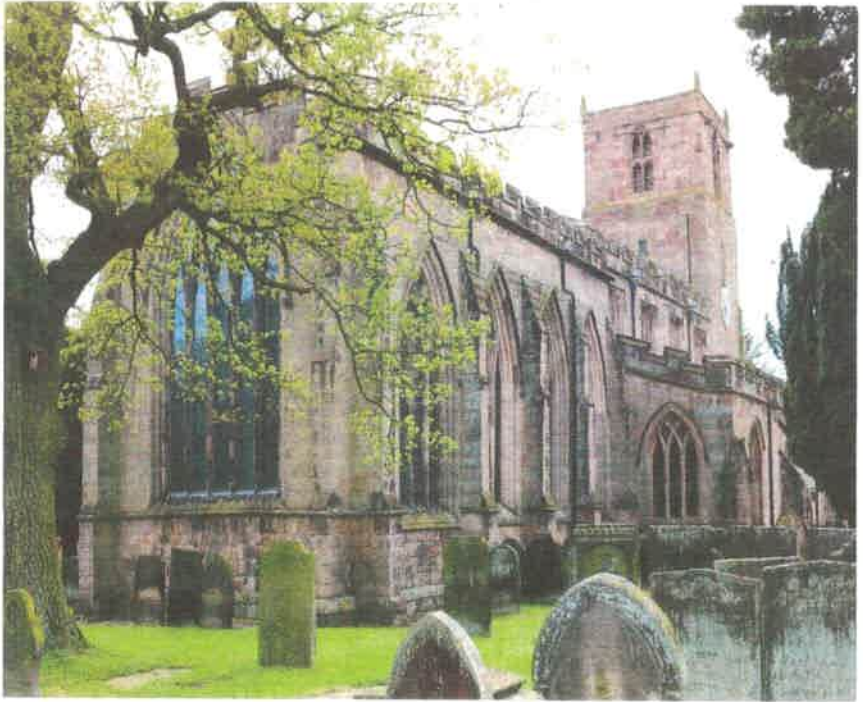


St Mary & All Saints', Checkley

DEDICATION OF BELLS



Monday 7th March 2016

7:30 pm

ORDER OF SERVICE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Angel- voices ever singing

round thy throne of light,
angel-bells for ever ringing,
rest not day nor night;
thousands only live to bless thee,
and confess thee
Lord of might.

Thou who art beyond the farthest
mortal eye can see,
can it be that thou regardest
our poor hymnody?
Yes, we know that thou art near us
and wilt hear us
constantly.

Yea, we know that thou rejoicest
o'er each work of thine;
thou didst ears and hands and voices
for thy praise design;
craftsman's art and music's measure
for thy pleasure
all combine.

In thy house, great God, we offer
of thine own to thee;
and for thine acceptance proffer
all unworthily,
hearts and minds and hands and voices
in our choicest
psalmody.

Honour, glory, might, and merit
thine shall ever be,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
blessed Trinity.
Of the best that thou hast given
earth and heaven
render thee.

Welcome

**In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Prayer

We have come together as the community of God's people to share in this act of dedication. As the new bell frame and ring of six bells are blessed, let us thank God for the craftsmen whose skill we celebrate, for the ringers whose service we acknowledge and value and for all those who have, by their generosity, made this day possible. Let us also rededicate ourselves that we, with all who hear God's call, may be united in his service.

**Almighty God, by whose grace alone we are
accepted and called to your service, strengthen
us by your Holy Spirit and make us worthy of our
calling;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

DEDICATION OF THE BELLS

Mrs Heather Graham

Irene, please receive these bells, provided by the generosity of the people of Checkley in the past and refurbished by the craftsmen of the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, to ring out over Checkley for the next three hundred years.

Minister I receive these bells on behalf of the wardens, PCC and congregation of St Mary & All Saints and thank the bell founders of Whitechapel for their skill and craftsmanship. I also acknowledge, with grateful thanks the generosity of the donors and now ask the Bishop to dedicate them to the glory of God.

The Bishop *processes to the bells and dedicates each one with payer and holy water.*

In the faith of Jesus Christ we solemnly set apart and dedicate this bell to the glory of God, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

On the completion of the dedication

Grant, O Lord, that whosoever shall be called by the sound of these bells to this house of prayer may enter into your gates with thanksgiving and into your courts with praise; though Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Turning to the Minister,

Receive these bells, which have now been dedicated and set apart, as a sacred trust committed to you as an appointed Minister of Christ in the Church and take care that they may always and only be used in God's Service for his glory..

Minister Bishop Geoffrey, I accept this charge.

Turning to the Deputy Tower Captain

Mr Morley, I ask you to receive into your care these bells. I am confident that under your leadership and skill, you will direct and employ the talents of our band of ringers, that the bells will be heard proclaiming the glory of God across our wonderful parish of Checkley.

Vice Tower Captain

Irene, I accept this charge.

OT Reading	Exodus 28:21– 35	Calum Forsyth Member of the PCC
NT Reading	1 Corinthians 14:6– 12	Wendy Carr Church Warden
Address	The Bishop of Stafford	

The Bell Ringers' Hymn

Unchanging God, who livest
Enthroned in realms on high,
To men the power thou givest
Thy name to magnify.
We raise the bells for ringing
With ready mind and will,
And come before thee, bringing
Our hearts, our strength, our skill.

We call, from tower and steeple,
Upon the day of days,
All faithful Christian people
To worship, prayer and praise;
We ring with joyous gladness
When man and wife are blessed;
We peal in muffled sadness
For loved ones laid to rest.

By union free and willing
The work of God is done;
Our Master's prayer fulfilling,
We would in him be one:
One, as the Church our Mother
Would have her children stand,
Befriending one another,
A strong and steadfast band.

Our lives, like bells, while changing,
An ordered course pursue;
Through joys and sorrows ranging,
May all those lives ring true.
May we, through Christ forgiven,
Our faults and failures past,
Attain our place in heaven,
Called home to rest at last.

The Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

Kneel or sit

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

Our Father in heaven
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are
yours, now and forever. Amen

The Blessing The Bishop of Stafford

Hymn

Now thank we all our God,
With heart, and hands, our voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In Whom His world rejoices;
Who from our mother's arms
Hath bless'd us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours to-day.

O may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us ;
And keep us in His grace.
And guide us when perplex'd,
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son, and Him who reigns
With Them in highest Heaven,
The One Eternal God,
Whom earth amid Heav'n adore.
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.

Please stay with us for light refreshments served
at the back of the church.
You can use the opportunity to look at the newly dedicated
bells more closely and talk to the ringers about their art.



St Mary & All Saints' Church, Checkley

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The Rev'd Irene Smith

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