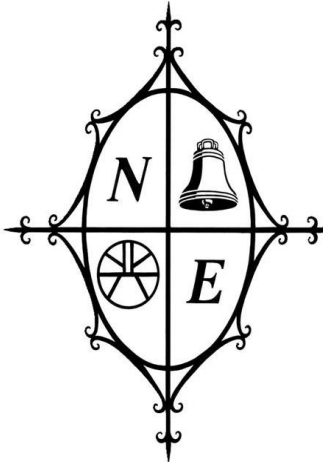




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Church of All Saints' Kingston Seymour

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Customer Charter

Most of our work is for churches worldwide, other work including clock chimes in secular buildings such as town halls and country houses. We are ourselves active members of our own churches and have between us served variously as Churchwarden, Ringing Master, Organist, Fabric Officer and PCC member. As such we know, understand and appreciate the unique nature of any work to churches and other listed buildings and the often-conflicting requirements which exist when working on a historic building which is also a living place of worship or residence. We also appreciate the essential need to undertake any work to the very highest standard, both in offering only the very best to the Glory of God and recognising that our work is likely to have to stand the test of time over the decades and centuries to come. It is our privilege to work upon some of the nations' finest and most historic buildings small and large and to become part of the history of the communities we serve.

- ❖ The quality of the service we offer is second to none. Our Managing Director Andrew Nicholson is freely available to discuss your requirements or concerns before, during and after any work is complete.
- ❖ We are pleased to welcome visitors to our works to view our facilities and to see work in progress. It would be wise to make prior arrangements before visiting.
- ❖ We promise that, unless the specification has been changed by mutual agreement, when a quotation is accepted and dates agreed the price offered will be the price you pay. We never charge "extras".
- ❖ We insist on using only the very finest materials and equipment available.
- ❖ Only the casting of bells is sub-contracted albeit designed by us, all other work being under the care of our own dedicated and skilled team of craftsmen.
- ❖ We will ensure that any disruption to your place of worship is kept to a minimum while we are working there. We recognise that funerals may occasionally have to take place while we are at the church and will ensure that materials are stored as discretely as possible and that work ceases while the service is in progress.
- ❖ We will always treat your place of worship with the care and respect it deserves.
- ❖ Upon completion of any work we will clean away all mess and rubbish from the site and leave all as we found it.
- ❖ We will conform to all current Health & Safety regulations while we are working at your church.
- ❖ Upon completion of any work we will fully test all and leave ready for use. Where any new equipment has been installed we will provide instruction on its care and use.
- ❖ Our work carries a full ten year guarantee on all new parts, the only exceptions being those parts liable to wear and tear unless failure has been due to faulty workmanship or materials. Our guarantee assumes that any installation will be subject to proper maintenance. We are pleased to offer maintenance contracts.
- ❖ Whilst we may not initially be the cheapest available, we offer true long-term value for money and superlative standards of service.
- ❖ We take great pride in offering work of the very highest quality and guarantee total satisfaction to all our clients.

Quotation

MAKE AND INSTALL A CIRCULAR ROPE GUIDE IN THE RINGING CHAMBER

Travel to the church and take all necessary measurements.

Make a rope guide consisting of a forged steel ring together with all necessary supporting stanchions, with turned and polished oak or ash rope bosses bolted to it, the guide to be complete with all necessary mountings.

Thoroughly clean down and descale all ironwork to the rope guide. Prime all with a heavy zinc-rich primer and paint with two coats of top-quality enamel.

Transport all to the church.

Erect a scaffold tower in the ringing chamber. Install the rope guide approximately 4.6m up from the floor of the ringing chamber. The guide to be anchored to the south wall in two places and in one place to the north wall, a second mounting on the north side to be secured to the side of the old clock weight case in order to avoid disturbing the coat of arms on the north wall. All wall fixings to consist of stainless steel anchor bolts resin-bonded into holes drilled in the walls. Assemble all the bosses, ensuring they are positioned plumb under the rope holes in the ceiling.

Clear away the scaffold tower and leave all areas affected by our work clean and tidy.

Ring up all the bells, test all and ring them back down.

Leave all ready for use.

We are prepared to undertake the whole of the above works, including time on site and in our works, materials, transport and expenses for the sum of:

£3750

POSSIBLE REDUCTIONS

If the parish is able to provide the fit, able-bodied assistance of two persons to assist with all the sitework, we would be pleased to make a reduction of £495 against this quotation.

In considering the provision of such assistance the parish must realise that the work would be dirty and would involve a degree of heavy lifting and working at height, for all of which those assisting must be prepared and suited. Provided some basic criteria are adhered to, those assisting would be covered under the terms of our employers' liability insurance.

TERMS

For the above quotations we would require one third payment with order, with the balance due immediately on completion of the works according to this specification.

All prices are based upon current costs but will be held firm if accepted in writing within 90 days.

VAT

VAT is chargeable in addition as applicable at the rate current at the time. Provided the church is a listed building, the PCC should be able to make a retrospective application to the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme for a grant equal to the VAT paid.

GUARANTEE

For these works we would be pleased to offer a full ten-year guarantee on all new parts, the only exceptions being those items subject to wear and tear such as stays and sliders, except where failure is due to faulty workmanship or materials. All guarantees are given on the basis that the installation would be subject to full and rigorous maintenance and in particular that all fixings are kept fully tightened at all times.

FACULTY

A faculty will be required before these works can be commenced.

INSURANCE

We carry full public liability and employers' liability insurance in the sum of £10,000,000.

I trust that the above quotation is of interest and we look forward to being favoured with your valued instructions.

Andrew Nicholson

14th November, 2024.

Possible Sources of Grant Aid

SOME CHARITIES WHICH CAN GRANT-AID CHURCH BELL RESTORATION WORK

The following charities have in the past given grant aid to various types of bell restoration and augmentation schemes. The list is by no means comprehensive, there being a large number of local charities in many areas of which we have no knowledge.

Church Buildings Council

The Conservation Officer
Church Buildings Council
Church House
Great Smith Street
London
SW1P 3NZ

The council has funds available for the conservation of bells and bellframes of historical significance.

The Barron Bell Trust

The Managing Trustees
71 Lower Green Road
Pembury
Tunbridge Wells
Kent
TN2 4EB

This fund specifically exists to help all aspects of work to bells in churches where, in the opinion of the trustees, the associations are low as distinguished from high, broad or modernist.

Historic Churches Preservation Trust

Historic Churches Trust
Fulham Place
London
SW6 6EA

The trust supports structural repairs but not bell restoration.

Heritage Lottery Fund

10 St.James Street
London
SW1A 1EF
Tel. 0171 930 0963
Fax. 0171 930 0968

The Fund has made grants for bell restoration. The heritage aspect is important regarding both the bells and the building. The conditions applicable to such grants can sometimes be onerous.

Worshipful Company of Ironmongers

Ironmongers' Hall
Shaftesbury Place
Barbican
London
EC2Y 8AA

The Company has given substantial grants aimed specifically at those parts of bell projects connected with the conservation of the ironwork to a bell installation.

Garfield Weston Foundation

The Foundation may be contacted via its website at www.garfieldweston.org

The Foundation has made significant grants towards bell restoration projects.

Central Council of Church Bell Ringers

The Council represents bell ringers worldwide and operates a bell restoration fund. The Council has members willing to give their time to advise parishes contemplating a bell restoration scheme. They may be contacted via their web addresses;

<https://cccbr.org.uk/about/workgroups/stewardship-and-management/>

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