LATIN INSCRIPTIONS

ON

THE CHURCH BELLS OF RUTLAND.

[With Translations.*]

ADMONEO CUM MOVEO.
[ I admonish when I move.]
or
[While on the swing I warnings bring.]

AGO GRATIAS HUMILLIME.
[ I render thanks most humbly.]

AVE REX GENTIS ANGLORUM.
[ Hail King of the English nation.]

COELORUM CHRISTE PLACEAT TIBI REX SONUS ISTE.
[ O Christ, King of Heaven, may this sound be pleasing to Thee.]

CUM VOCO VENITE.
[Come when I call.]

CUM VOCO AD ECCLESIAM VENITE.
[When I call come to Church.]

* For these I am indebted to the kindness of a friend.
Donum de domina Cambden.  
[The gift of Lady Cambden.]

Gloria patri filio et spiritui sancto.  
[Glory be to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.]

Gloria in excelsis Deo.  
[Glory to God in the highest.]

Grata sit arguta resonans campanula voce.  
[May the little bell be pleasant, sounding with clear tone.]

Hec campana sacra fiat trinitate beata.  
[Let this bell be sacred to the Holy Trinity.]

Ii's nazarenus rex ivdeorvm fili dei miserere mei.  
[Jesus of Nazareth King of the Jews. O Son of God have mercy on me.]

In honore sancti eiudii.  
[In honour of S. Giles.]

In noïe ihs maria.  
[In the name of Jesus. Mary.

Labor ipse voluptas.  
[The Labour is itself pleasure.]

i.e. ringing.

Melodie geret nomen campana...  
[This bell shall melodiously bear the name...]

Misericordias Domini in eternum cantabo.  
[I will sing the mercies of the Lord for ever.]

Nichô: bulingham ab me suis sumtibus hic collocari curavit.  
[Nichô: Bulingham A.B. caused me to be placed here at his expense.]
Latin Inscriptions on Church Bells.

NON CLAMOR SED AMOR CANTAT IN AURE DEI.
[It is not noise but love that sings in the ear of God.]

or

[In God’s ear not rivalry
Soundeth sweet, but charity.]

NON SONO ANIMABUS MORTUORUM SED AURIBUS VIVENTIUM.
[I sound not for the souls of the dead, but for the ears of the living.]

or

[Not for the departed soul
But for the living ear I toll.]

NON VERBO SED VOCE RESONABO DOMINE LAUDEM.
[Not by word but by voice will I resound (thy) praise O Lord.]

or

[Not verbally but vocally
The praise of God I signify.]

NUNC MARTINE EGO CANA VOBIS ORE IUCUNDO (sic.)
[Now O Martin, I sing to you with pleasant voice.]

OMNIA FIANT AD GLORIAM DEI.
[Let all things be done to the glory of God.]

SACRA CLANGO: GAUDIA PANGO: FUNERA PLANGO.
[Holy offices I proclaim, joys I ratify: deaths I bewail.]

SANCTA FIDES ORA PRO NOBIS.
[Saint Faith pray for us.]

SIT NOMEN DOMINI BENEDICTUM.
[Blessed be the name of the Lord.]

SUM ROSA PULSATA MUNDI MARIA VOCATA.
[I being rung am called Mary the Rose of the world.]
List of the Average Weight of Bells cast by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, Leicestershire. The diameter being known, a reference to this list will give the approximate weight of any bell.

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THE INSCRIPTIONS

ON THE

CHURCH BELLS OF RUTLAND,

With the Diameter at the mouth of each bell from which its approximate weight may be ascertained (see page 116). To which are added Extracts, where procurable, from Parochial and other Records, together with Local Traditions, Notices of Donors, &c., and Notes on the Uses of Church Bells peculiar to different parishes.

Note.—The numbers between [ ] refer to the woodcuts on the Plates. It being impossible to reproduce here the various forms of medieval Gothic letters found on the ancient bells, one form of letter is here used to indicate where Gothic capitals are found [ A B C ] and one form where small Gothic or "black letter" is found [ a b c ]. For the various forms of Roman letters found on modern bells one form [ A B C ] will suffice.

Errors of spelling, misplacement of letters, &c., &c., in the following inscriptions, are copied literally from the Bells. They are therefore Founders' blunders and not printers' mistakes.
The Inscriptions on the

ASHWELL.

S. Mary.

6 Bells.

1. *MISERICORDIAS DOMINI IN
   ETERNUM CANTABO. B. B.
   1850. C ET 6 MEARS LON-
   DINI FECERUNT.
   (Diam. 27 in.)

2. EX DONO BARTHOLEMEI BVRTON ARMIGERI ANNO
   DOM 1760. JOHN CHAMBERLAIN C. W. THO.
   HEDDERLY FOUNDER.
   (Diam. 26½ in.)

3. GOD SAVE QUEEN ANNE ANNO DOMINI 1708.
   (Diam. 28½ in.)

4. TEMPORE JOHANNI BVLL ET NICHOLAI COALE
   WARDENS 1708.
   (Diam. 31½ in.)

5. EDWd ARNOLD LEICESTER 1786. O O
   (Diam. 35½ in.)

6. Hic Campana Sacra Fiat Trinitate Beata 1708.
   (Diam. 37 in.)

The donor of the 1st bell was the brother-in-law of Canon Yard, the
former rector—Beckford Bevan, Esq. His initials are upon it.

The Burtons (see 2nd bell) were owners of the Hall, now no longer
in existence.

The Gleaning-bell is rung at 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. during harvest.

The Pancake-bell is rung at noon on Shrove-Tuesday.

On Sundays the 1st bell is rung at 8 a.m.; the 1st and 2nd at 9 a.m.
All the bells are chimed for Divine Service; no Sermon-bell.
AYSTON.

S. MARY.

4 Bells.

1. AMBROSE [\( \square 24 \)]
   \( \square \ast \)
   (Diam. 30 in.)

2. \([ + 4 ]\) AVE : REX : GENTIS :
   ANGLORVM
   (Diam. 31\(\frac{1}{2}\) in.)

3. \([ + 26 ]\) NOX VERBO SED VOCE RESONABO DOMINE
   LAVDEM 1626.
   B HILL R BOYCE
   "E\(\text{C}\) WA TOBIE MORRIS CAST ME
   (Diam. 34\(\frac{1}{4}\) in.)

4. J. TAYLOR & CO. FOUNDERS LOUGHBOROUGH 1877.
   LAUS DEO
   (Diam. 42 in.)

At the Death-knell three tolls are given for a male, two for a female, both before and after the knell.

On Sunday the 1st bell is rung at 9 a.m. For Divine Service the bells are chimed, after which (when a sermon is to be preached) the tenor is rung. After morning service the 1st and 2nd bells are chimed.

The Pancake-bell is rung at noon on Shrove-Tuesday.

There were only three bells until the year 1877, when the fine new tenor bell was given to the church by the Rector, the Rev. Sir J. Henry Fludyer, Bart., in commemoration of the completion of his 50th year as Curate and Rector of Ayston. At the same time he had the whole ring tuned and rehung, and the belfry put into good order, the cost of the whole, exclusive of a new floor, being £207 2s. The tenor bell itself (which weighs 12 cwt. 2 qrs. 7 lbs.) cost £96 14s. 7\(\frac{1}{2}\)d., being at the rate of £7 14s. per cwt.

The small cross on the first bell is a plain one as shown; and the stamp \( \ast \) on the waist, which is too indistinct to engrave, represents an animal.
The Inscriptions on the

The inscription on the second bell is most probably the first line of a hymn addressed to Henry VI., who was all but canonized, or to Edward, King and Martyr, or Edward the Confessor.

BARROW.

S. MARY. 1 Bell.

There is one small modern bell.

BARROWDEN.

S. PETER. 5 Bells and a Priest’s Bell.

   (Diam. 29 in. Canons broken, fastened by bolts.)
   (Diam. 30½ in.)
   (Diam. 32 in.)
4. [ +30 ] ABCDEFGHI [□ 22]
   (Diam. 33½ in.)
5. ALEXANDER RIGBY MADE ME 1704.
   (Diam. 36 in.)

Priest’s Bell:—

EDWD ARNOLD FECIT 1786.
   (Diam. 13 in.)

On a Tablet in the Bell-chamber:—

These bells were rehung by J. Hurry for Messrs Mears W’Chapel
H. Mason and T. Taylor Churchwden’s. T. Swann.

At the Death-knell three tolls are given for a male, two for a female.
Peals are rung after services on the Great Festivals.
The Priest’s bell (which is not now used for any purpose) was, forty
years ago, rung after morning service when there was to be no sermon after Evensong.

The Bells were rehung in the year 1857 at a cost of £102 8s., raised by subscription.

BELTON.

S. Peter.  4 Bells.

1. GLORIA PATRI FILIO & SPIRITUI SANCTO 1730.
   THOMAS PILKINGTON GENT. GAVE ME 1664.
   (Diam. 29 in.)

   (Diam. 31 in.)

   (Diam. 32½ in.)

4. [ + 26 ] THOMAS NORRIS MADE MEE 1660.
   (Diam. 36 in.)

The marriage of Thomas Pilkington, the donor of the 1st bell, is thus noted in the Parish Register of Lyndon:—

1663. Mr. Thomas Pilkington of Belton & Mrs. Thomazin Collins of Hambleton wth license Oct: 22.

Mr. Pilkington married secondly at Colsterworth on 22nd November, 1666, Mary, daughter of the Rev. Barnabas Smith, Rector of North Witham, Lincolnshire. She was half sister of Sir Isaac Newton, for her mother, who was a daughter of James Ascough of Market Overton, gentleman, married for her first husband Robert Newton, and their only child, Isaac, was baptized at Colsterworth on the 1st of January,* 1641-2.

A Daily-bell is rung at 1 p.m. It used, until recently, to be also rung at 5 a.m.

* Ex. Infer. Mr. Justin Simpson.
The Pancake-bell is rung at II a.m. on Shrove-Tuesday.
At Death-knell thrice three tolls are given for a male; thrice two

tolls for a female, both before and after the knell.
At Funerals all the bells used to be chimed, but now the tenor bell
only is tolled.
On Sunday the 1st bell is rung at 7 a.m. The 1st and 2nd bells are
rung at 9 a.m. when there is to be Divine Service in the morning, or at
12 o'clock when it is to be said in the afternoon. For Service three
bells are chimed, after which the tenor bell (Sermon-bell) is rung for
five minutes.

BIS BROOKE.

S. John Baptist.

1. J. TAYLOR & CO. LOUGHBOROUGH 1871.
(Diam. 17½ in.)

It is said that the old bell (which was rather heavier than the present
one) being cracked some years ago, was carefully repaired with putty,
and painted!! This not proving an effectual cure the bell was
recast, the founders receiving £17 and the old metal for the present
bell.
The bell is rung for Vestry meetings and for the annual “Duke's
Court” (lord of the manor).
At Death-knell three tolls are given for a male; two for a female,
before ringing the knell.
The Gleaning-bell (formerly rung) was discontinued in 1871.
The Church Books give no information about the bells, but the
following entry occurs about the year 1820:—

“For cleaning the muck out ................................... o. i. o.”

an operation which might, with advantage, be carried on in many a
bell-chamber.
BRAUNSTONE. 4 Bells.

1. [ + 2 ] S THOMA [ V 27 ]
   (Diam. 31 in.)
2. W RAWLINGS  T BRYON  WARDENS  1710
   (Diam. 33 in.)
3. PRAISE THE LORD [ V 3 ]
   (Diam. 35 1/2 in.)
4. [ + 26 ] THOMAS NORRIS MADE MEE 1660.
   (Diam. 39 in.)

A Gleaning-bell is rung during harvest.
The Pancake-bell was discontinued lately.
At Death-knell thrice three tolls are given for a male; thrice two for a female, both before and after the knell. Upon a recent occasion the age of the deceased was tolled by the special desire of the relatives, but such a custom was quite unknown to the villagers generally.
At Funerals it is an ancient custom here to have three tollings at intervals of an hour, e.g., at one o'clock to give warning, at two o'clock to call the bearers together, and at three o'clock for the funeral.
On Sunday if there is to be Divine Service in the morning a bell is rung at 8 a.m., after which the day of the month is tolled; if there is to be no Morning Service the bell is rung, and the day of the month is tolled, at noon. For Divine Service the bells are chimed for twenty minutes, after which the Sermon-bell is rung. A bell is rung after Morning Service if Evensong is to be said.

BROOKE. 4 Bells.

1. EDWD ARNOLD St NEOITS FECIT 1780.
   (Diam. 27 in.)
The Inscriptions on the

2. \([ + 14 ] \) JESVS • SPEDE • ME • CVM • VOCO • VENITE
   1610.
   (Diam. 28 in.)

3.
   1648.
   (Diam. 30 in.)

4. H ORTON CHURCHWARDEN R TAYLOR FOUNDER
   St. NEOTS 1811.
   (Diam. 32 in.)

At Death-knell three tolls are given for a male, two for a female.
For Divine Service the bells are chimed and the Sermon-bell (tenor)
is rung.

BURLEY-ON-THE-HILL.

Holy Cross.

1. ALEXANDER RIGBY MADE ME 1705 BVRLEY IN
   RVTLAND.
   (Diam. 43 in.)

At the Death-knell thrice three tolls are given for a male, thrice two
for a female, both before and after the knell. The same number of tolls
are also given before and after tolling for a funeral.

There is a tradition that this large bell was cast from a former ring
of smaller bells, but there is not room in the bell chamber for more.
There was formerly a small clock bell which is said to have been taken
down and sent to the Rectory at Oakham.

CALDECOT.

S. John.

1. \([ + 10 ] \) PETER BROWNE GAVE ME TO THIS TOWNE
   1696.
   (Diam. 28\(\frac{1}{2}\) in.)
Church Bells of Rutland.

(Diam. 29½ in.)
1696.
3. 
(Diam. 31½ in.)
(Diam. 33 in.)
(Diam. 37 in.)

Mr. Justin Simpson writes to me:—"Thomas Browne of Uppingham, apothecary, 1681, married Prudence, daughter of—Kirkby of Caldecote. He was grandson of the Rev. Robert Browne, Rector of Achurch, Northamptonshire, founder of the sect of Brownists, and who died in the year 1636, in Northampton gaol, whither he had been committed for assaulting the parish officer who had come to demand a rate of him. I have reason to believe that Peter Browne, the donor of the 1st bell to Caldecott parish, was of the same family. He died in 1710, and was buried under an altar tomb near to the south door of the church. The brass plate at the end recording his death disappeared within the last few years. His descendant, Mr. J. T. Browne, now resides in the house built by Peter Browne about the year 1707."

The 2nd and 3rd bells are imperfect: previous inscriptions are apparently chiselled off, which leads to the inference that these bells were not originally cast for this church. The Pancake-bell is rung on Shrove Tuesday: a bell used to be rung here daily throughout Lent at 11 a.m.

At Death-knell three tolls are given for a male; two for a female, both before and after the knell.

On Sunday the treble bell is always rung at 8 a.m.

For Service all the bells are chimed and the Sermon-bell (tenor) is rung. If there is morning service a bell is rung at its close to give notice of afternoon service; if morning prayer is not said this bell is rung at noon. Peals are rung on Christmas Eve.
CASTERTON GREAT.

SS. Peter and Paul. 5 Bells.

1. 2, 3, 4. HENRY PENN FOUNDER 1718. (Diams. 25½, 27, 28, 30 in.)

5. G. MANCELL THOMAS BROUGHTON CHURCHWARDENS 1718. (Diam. 33 in.)

The Gleaning-bell is rung during harvest at 8 a.m. and at 6 p.m.
At Death-knell thrice three tolls are given for a male, thrice two for a female.
For Divine Service the bells are all chimed for a short time, then one bell is rung; to which succeeds chiming, after which the tenor is rung.

CASTERTON LITTLE.

All Saints. 2 Bells.

1. Blank. (Diam. 13½ in.)


At Death-knell thrice three tolls are given for a male, thrice two for a female.

CLIPSHAM.

S. Mary. 3 Bells.

1. 1671. (Diam. 26½ in.)
Church Bells of Rutland.

2. [ + 26 ] W WING TOBIEAS NORRIS CAST ME 1675.  
(Diam. 29 in.)
(Diam. 32 in.)

A Gleaning-bell is rung during harvest at 8 a.m. and 6 p.m.
At Death-knell thrice three tolls are given for a male, thrice two for a female, both before and after the knell.
On Sunday a bell is rung at 8 a.m. if morning prayer is to be said, and again after morning service if Evensong is to be said. For Divine Service the bells are chimed and a Sermon-bell is rung.

COTTESMORE.

S. NICOLAS. 5 Bells.

1. THOMAS NORRIS MADE MEE 1660.  
(Diam. 29\frac{1}{2} in.)
2. GOD SAVE HIS CHURCH 1598.  
[\[7\]  
[Royal Arms \UPsurmounted by E. R.]  
(Diam. 33 in.)
3. THOMAS NORRIS MADE MEE 1660.  
(Diam. 34\frac{1}{2} in.)
(Diam. 38\frac{1}{2} in.)
5. THO CHRISTIAN JOHN HARDY TOBY NORRIS CAST MEE 1699.  
(Diam. 42\frac{1}{2} in.)

The Gleaning-bell is rung during harvest.
At Death-knell thrice three tolls are given for a male, thrice two for a female, both before and after the knell.
On Sunday the 1st bell is rung at 8 a.m., the 1st and 2nd bells at 9 a.m.
The Inscriptions on the

For Divine Service the bells are chimed: at the close of morning service a bell is rung.

Peals are runged on the Great Festivals.

EDITH WESTON.

3 Bells.

   (Diam. 29 in.)

2. SVM ROSA PVLSATA MVDIA MARIA VOCATA 1597.  
   (Diam. 32 in.)

   (Diam. 35 in. Cracked.)

The inscription on the 2nd bell is probably an attempted copy of that on the ancient bell when it was recast.

At the Death-knell thrice three tolls are given for a male, thrice two for a female.

On Sunday the 1st bell is rung at 8 a.m. For Divine Service the bells are chimed, after which the tenor is rung.

EGLETON.

2 Bells.

1, 2. Both Blank.  
   (Diams. 15 in. and 39 in. Rung by a Lever.)

At Death-knell thrice three tolls are given for a male, thrice two for a female.

The Gleaning-bell is rung during harvest.
Church Bells of Rutland.

EMPINGHAM.

S. Peter. 5 Bells.

1, 2, 3, 4. G. MEARS FOUNDER LONDON 1859.  
(Diams. 30 in., 33 in., 34½ in., 37 in. The 4th bell is cracked.)

WILLIAM FANCOURT  
MARK CANNER  
CHURCHWARDENS.  
(Diam. 42 in. Cracked.)

The present ring of bells (which were unfortunately not well hung—hence their damaged condition) were used for the first time on the 4th of July, 1859. The previous bells were inscribed:—

1. Toby Norris cast me T. Mitchell 1695.
2. 1548.
3. 1648.
4. Thomas Norris cast me 1661.

The donors of this old tenor bell were mother and son. She was the second wife and widow of George Mackworth, Esq., of Mackworth, Derbyshire, and Empingham (living 22 Eliz.), and daughter of Edmund Hall, Esq., of Gretford, Lincolnshire. She was buried at Empingham on the 4th of June, 1612. Thomas, her son, was sheriff of the county in the 41st Eliz. 7 Jac. I., and created a baronet 4th June, 1619. He was buried at Empingham on the 22nd of March, 1625-6.*

The Gleaning-bell is rung during harvest at 8 a.m. and at 5 p.m. The Pancake-bell was formerly rung on Shrove-Tuesday.

* For these notes on the old ring of bells I am indebted to Mr. Justin Simpson of Stamford.
At the Death-knell (for which the third bell is now obliged to be used) three tolls are given for a male, two for a female.

Some of the ancient bells were evidently cast in the churchyard here [see p. 11].

**ESSENDINE.**

S. Mary. 2 Bells.

1. **1808.**
   (Diam. 15½ in.)

2. **THOMAS STEANS CHURCHWARDEN 1808.**
   (Diam. 16 in.)

These bells are rung by levers.

At the Death-knell, which is tolled, thrice three tolls are given for a male, thrice two for a female.

**EXTON.**

SS. Peter and Paul. 6 Bells.

1. **DOXUM DE DOMINA CAMBDEN 1654.**
   (Diam. 26 in.)

2. **GOD SAVE THE KING 1675.**
   (Diam. 30 in.)

3, 4, 5. **GOD SAVE THE KING TOBIEAS NORRIS CAST ME 1675.**
   (Diams. 32 in., 34 in., and 36 in.)

6. **JOSEPH EAYRE ST NEOTS FECIT 1763 THOMAS HURST VICAR W SPRINGTHORP CHARLES BROWN CHURCHWARDENS.**
   (Diam. 40 in. Note F.)

The Gleaning-bell (the 5th) is rung at 9 a.m. and at 5 p.m. during harvest.
At the Death-knell—which is rung for about five minutes—thrice three tolls are given for a male, thrice two for a female, before the knell.

At Funerals a few tolls are given on the tenor bell as a warning for the bearers to assemble; the same bell is tolled (half a minute between each stroke) for half an hour before the funeral office is said. The bells are chimed on Sunday for Divine Service by means of the Rev. H. T. Ellacombe's chiming apparatus.

The Manor of Exton descended to the Right Honourable Baptist, third Viscount Campden; 'this town (says Wright in 1684) having been the usual seat of his residence when in these parts.' In 1661 this Viscount Campden was made Lord Lieutenant of the county of Rutland, he being the first Lord Lieutenant of this county apart by itself. He died at Exton 29th October, 1682, where a magnificent monument to his memory (by G. Gibbon) records "his eminent Loyalty to his two Sovereigns Kings Charles I. and II., his Conjugal Affection to Four Wives; his Paternal Indulgence to nineteen children." The fourth wife of this Viscount Campden was Lady Elizabeth Bertie, daughter of Montague, Earl of Lindsey (by his wife Martha, daughter of Sir William Cockayne of Rushton, in the county of Northampton), who behaved so gallantly at Edgehill and at Naseby. The donor of the first bell here was this Lady Campden, the fourth wife of Baptist, third Viscount Campden.

**EXTON HOUSE.**

**The Chapel.**

1. **JOSEPH EAYRE ST NEOTS FECIT 1771.**

This was the house-bell hanging at the old Exton Hall, before the fire which destroyed that fine mansion in the year 1810. The chapel, in the gable of which it now hangs, was built in the year 1868.
The Inscriptions on the

GLASTON.

S. ANDREW.

3 Bells and a Clock-bell.

(Diam. 27\frac{1}{2} in. On east side of bell Royal ☦ Arms.)

2. [+ 26] √ON ☦: CLAMOR ☦: SED ☦: AMOR ☦: CAI-
(Diam. 30\frac{1}{2} in.)

3. [+ 23] COELORUM CHRISTE
PLACEAT TIBI REX SONUS
ISTE.

ANTHONY COLL WILLIAM
HATTON THOMAS BRUD-
NELL.

THOMAS BRUDNELL 1598.
(Diam. 34\frac{1}{4} in. Letters like ☦ 16 and ☦ 17.)

There is also a small saucer-shaped clock-bell outside a south light of the spire, and inaccessible. The clock dial is dated 1739, which is (from its shape) probably the date of the bell. Eayre of Kettering made bells of that form.

The bells are rung from the floor of the church.

Anthony Colly, whose name is upon the tenor bell, was Lord of the Manor of Glaston. He married Elizabeth, daughter and co-heir of Henry Keble of Humberstone, Co. Leicester, and died in 1621. See Pedigree in Wright's Rutland, p. 65, and in Visitation of Rutland, 1618-19, published by Harleian Society, p. 25. The Manor house, which stood on the east side of the church, is entirely gone excepting the garden walls. The Parish Register records the death of the Rev. W. Hutton, curate of the parish in 1604, the marriage of Thomas Brudnell in 1584.
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(the Pedigree of his family is in the Visitation of Rutland, 1618-19), and that of Thomas Bowdell in 1599.

The Pancake-bell (2nd) is rung on Shrove-Tuesday.

At Death-knell thrice three tolls are given for a male, thrice two for a female.

At Funerals, thirty-five years ago, the bells were chimed: now the tenor bell is tolled.

On Sunday formerly the 1st bell was rung at 7 a.m., the 1st and 2nd at 9 a.m.; now the 1st bell is rung at 8 a.m. For Divine Service the bells are chimed.

GREETHAM.

S. Mary. 4 Bells.

1. LABOR IPSE VOLUPTAS THOMAS PARKER CHURCHWARDEN J. EAYRE FECIT 1741.
   (Diam. 30 3/8 in.)

   (Diam. 33 1/8 in.)

3. [ + 26 ] IS R C 1658
   (Diam. 36 in.)

   (Diam. 40 in.)

These bells are in a sad condition: the treble is struck by a rope being attached to the clapper; the second lies mouth upwards in the north window of the belfry, its crown off, and a gaping crack up its side; the third is dismounted and resting on two planks in its pit, it is cracked and the canons broken; and the fourth bell stands on the lower frame, its crown and other large portions gone. The 2nd and 3rd bells have been in their present condition for upwards of 40 years. Birds' dung lies some inches thick on the bell frames.
On the bell frame is cut:

\[ T \text{ Char} \ldots y \quad Wm \text{ Sharman} \]
\[ C \text{ Ward}^a \quad 17 \text{ Fecit} 87 \]

At the Death-knell thrice three knocks are given for a male, thrice two for a female, both before and after the knell.

The Gleaning-bell is sounded at 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. during the harvest.

On Sunday the only available bell is knocked at 8 a.m., again for Service, and also after Service.

**HAMBLETON.**

S. ANDREW. 4 Bells.

1. \[ [ + 14 ] \text{ OMNIA FIANIT AD GLORIAM DEI 1610.} \]
\[ \text{ IESVS SPEDE ME} \]
\[ \text{(Diam. 27 in.)} \]

2. \[ [ + 26 ] \text{ NON CLAMOR SED CAUTAT IN AVRE DEI 1621.} \]
\[ \text{(Diam. 33 in.)} \]

3. \[ \text{ JOHN TAYLOR \& CO FOUNDERS LOUGHBORO AD. 1861.} \]
\[ \text{(Diam. 37 in.)} \]

4. \[ [ + 10 ] \text{ NON \cdot SONO \cdot ANIMABUS MORTUORUM \cdot SED \cdot AURI- BUS \cdot VIVENTIUM \cdot 1611.} \]
\[ \text{(Diam. 38 in. Canons broken: cracked.)} \]

There was formerly a Priest's-bell dated 1636. That and the ancient 3rd bell inscribed S. S. S., were exchanged for the present 3rd bell in 1861.

A Gleaning-bell is rung during harvest.
KETTON.

S. Mary. 6 Bells.


2. [ + 34 ] I sweetly telling men do call to taste on meat that feeds the soul: 1609 [ 0 7 ]. (Diam. 30½ in.)


4. [ + 23 ] ME· ME· T· MERELY· WILL· SING 1598. (Diam. 34 in.)

5. Salue the Lorde 1601 [ U 3 ]. (Diam. 36 in.)

6. [ + 31 ] BE· YT· KNOWNE· TO· ALL· THAT· DOTH· ME· SEE· THAT· NEWCOMBE· OF· LEICESTER· MADE· MEE· 1606. (Diam. 40 in.)

Nicholas Bullingham, the donor of the 1st bell—whose baptism is recorded in the Parish Register of Ketton under date of "xxviij die Octobris 1609"—was the son of Nicholas Bullingham, who held the Prebendal Manor there under the Cathedral of Lincoln. This last named Nicholas was a son of the Nicholas Bullingham who was successively Bishop of Lincoln and Worcester. He was baptized at Buckden, where formerly the Bishops of Lincoln had a palace, on the 30th September, 1566, and died at Ketton, where his burial is recorded thus in the Parish Register:—"1639 Mr. Nicholau Bullingham ultimo Aprilis." It would appear that the above bell was given by
his son, bearing the same name, upon his accession to his father’s property.*

There is a piece of metal broken off the rim of the 3rd bell. The 4th (with the curious inscription) is a fine bell in perfect preservation.

The bells are open on all sides to the weather: they are not rung on account of the supposed danger to the steeple; indeed they could not be, for three of the wheels are broken.

**LANGHAM.**

SS. Peter and Paul. 6 Bells.

1. **GRATA SIT ARGUTA RESONANS CAMPANULA VOCE**
   
   Thos. Eayre, fecit O O 1754 + O
   
   (Diam. 31 in.)

   
   (Diam. 33 in.)

   
   (O O O O four coins near the mouth.)
   
   (Diam. 34½ in.)

4. [ + 1 ] Sit Nomen Domini Benedictum [ □ 36 ] [ □ 35 ]
   
   (Diam. 37 in.)

5. THE CHURCHIS PRAIS I SOUND ALLWAYS.
   THOMAS HEDDERLY FOUNDER NOTTINGHAM 1771.
   
   (Diam. 40½ in.)

   
   (Diam. 44 in. Canons gone: hung by a bolt.)

The 2nd bell was previously inscribed “Thomas Norris made mee 1660:” when this bell was recast the whole ring was rehung. At the same time a new clock was given to the church by the Rev. John Mould, sometime curate and now vicar of the parish.

* Ex. Infor. Mr. Justin Simpson from his MS. Collection.
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The Pancake-bell is rung on Shrove-Tuesday.
The Gleaning-bell is rung during harvest at 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.
At the Death-knell three tolls are given for a male, and two for a female, both before and after the knell.
The Curfew is rung at 8 p.m., during the winter months, after which the day of the month is tolled.
Tradition says a lady being benighted, and finding her way home by the sound of the bells, left an endowment for the future ringing of this bell, but none such is now known.
Peals are rung at Easter, Christmas, New Year's Eve, and on "the Feast Sunday."

LUFFENHAM, NORTH.

S. John Baptist. 5 Bells and a Clock-Bell.

   (Diam. 28 in.)

2. Melodie Gratia Domine Campana.
   (Diam. 29 in.)

   (Diam. 31 in.)

4. :: THO • EAYRE FECIT • 1742 :: OMNIA FIANZ AD
   GLORIAM DEI :: GLORIA DEO SOLI.
   (Diam. 33 in.)

5. [ + 34 ] JA DIGBY JO BASSET IR JOHNSON ED HVNT
   HE STAFFORD DA GIBSON 1619 [○ 7]
   (Diam. 38½ in. Cracked and not used.)

There is also a small Clock-bell (about 18 inches in diameter and without inscription) fixed about a century ago.
James Digby (whose name is on the tenor bell) was the son of Roger Digby of North Luffenham, descended from the ancient family of Digby of Tilton, Leicestershire. See his Pedigree in the *Visitation of Rutland* 1618-19, published by the Harleian Society, p. 17. The Pedigree of John Bassett is also given in the same *Visitation*, p. 18.

Isaac Johnson was the son of Abraham Johnson of North Luffenham, who was the son of Archdeacon Robert Johnson, Rector of that parish—(where he was buried 24 July, 1625) and founder of Oakham and Uppingham Schools. Abraham Johnson married twice. His first wife, to whom he was married at S. John's, Stamford, the 19th October, 1600, was Anna, daughter of Robert Meadows, Mercer, of Stamford, by whom he had Isaac—baptized at S. John's, Stamford, on the 1st July, 1601—whose name appears on the tenor bell. Shortly after his birth his mother died; her burial being thus recorded in the Parish Register of S. John's, Stamford:

"1602 the xxv day of August Mrs. Anna Johnson the wife of Mr. Abraham Johnson gent. professor of lawe was bur."

Abraham Johnson quickly married a second wife—Elizabeth, daughter of the Rev. Laurence Chaderton, D.D., Master of Emmanuel College, Prebendary of Lincoln, and one of the Translators of King James' Bible. He died 1649 and she about the year 1667. Their son, Samuel, was baptized at S. Michael's, Stamford, 5th January, 1604-5.

Isaac Johnson in company with his wife, Lady Arabella Fiennes, daughter of Thomas, Lord Clinton, 3rd Earl of Lincoln, went to New England with Mr. Winthorpe's party in 1630, arriving there on the 12th of June. He died at Boston on the 30th September, 1630, after appointing John Hampden as his executor. His wife also died in New England in the same year.*

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There are two vacant places for bells, showing that there were probably once seven bells here: on the bell frame is:

"Thos. Munton—John Pitts Churchwardens 1701."

At the Death-knell thrice three tolls are given for an adult male, thrice two for an adult female; twice three for a young man, twice two for a young woman; three only for a boy, two only for a girl.

On Sunday a bell is rung at 8 a.m. For Divine Service the bells are chimed.

LUFFENHAM, SOUTH.

S. Mary. 4 Bells.

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Letters reversed and reads backwards:

"Hew Watts made me 1563."

(Diam. 22\(\frac{1}{2}\) in.)

2. Blank.

(Diam. 24\(\frac{1}{4}\) in. Cracked: no clapper.)

3. [+ 14] OMZIA ⋆ FIAVt ⋆ AD ⋆ GLORIAM ⋆ DEI

( Diam. 27\(\frac{3}{4}\) in. One-third of rim off.)


( Diam. 32 in.)

On the bell-frame is AL ⋆ AW ⋆ CW ⋆ 1681.

At the Death-knell thrice three tolls are given for a male, thrice two for a female, at the beginning of the knell.

An hour before a Funeral the tenor bell announces the age of the deceased by tolling the number of years; and is tolled again in the usual manner during the procession to church.

The Curfew (1st bell) at 8 p.m., and the Morning-bell at 5 a.m., are rung from the 19th of September to the 25th of March, excepting
during a fortnight at Christmas. For doing this the clerk receives the
rent of about an acre of pasture land, called "Bell-ringing Close."

Tradition says this land was purchased with a sum of money left as
a legacy by a certain lady who losing her way "at the bottom of the
Common near to Foster's Bridge," was enabled to find her home by the
sound of a bell at eight o'clock, which was probably the ancient Curfew.

On Sunday a bell is rung at 8 a.m., and again after Morning Service
when Evening Prayer is to be said.

LYDDINGTON.

S. Andrew. 5 Bells.

   (In two lines. Diam. 30½ in.)
2. [ + 10 ] W BROWNE.
   (Diam. 32 in.)
3. GREGORY BATEMAN M.A. CURATE TAYLOR & CO
   FOUNDERS.
   T. J. BRYAN
   JOSEPH WRIGHT
   ) CHURCHWARDENS AD 1861
   (Diam. 34½ in.)
4. [ + 10 ] W PRETTY.
   (Diam. 38 in.)
5. [ + 10 ] C PRETTY TOBYAS NORRIS CAST VS ALL
   ORE IN 1694.
   (Diam. 42½ in.)

Cut on the Bell-frame is

JAMES HILLAND
ROBERT COLLWELL
CHIRCH WARDINS
IONH BROWNE
FECIT
1677.
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The family of Pretty still resides here.
The cost of recasting the 3rd bell, in 1861, was £30.
A Daily-bell is rung at 1 p.m.; this used to be rung at 8 a.m.
The Gleaning-bell is rung at 8 a.m. and at 5 p.m. during harvest.
Women and big children pay the clerk a fee of a penny a week.
At the Death-knell thrice three tolls are given for a male; thrice two for a female; both before and after the knell.
At Funerals all the bells used to be chimed, now the tenor only is tolled.
The Pancake-bell is rung at 11 a.m. on Shrove-Tuesday.
On Sunday a bell is rung at 8 a.m. For Divine Service the bells are chimed. If Evening Prayer is to be said in the afternoon a bell is rung after Morning Service, if later in the evening it is rung at 4 p.m.

LYNDON.

S. Martin. 4 Bells.

1. NUNC MARTIE EGO CANA VOBIS ORE IVCVNDO REMMEDGHVITE 1597.
   (Diam. 26 in.)
2. [ + 26 ] OMNIA FIANT AD GLORIAM DEI AD 1624.
   (Diam. 28 in.)
3. SAMUEL BARKER ESQUIRE 1716.
   (Diam. 30 in.)
4. SR THOS BARKER BARONET OF LINDEN MP CLAYTON RECTER.
   (Diam. 34 in.)

There are marks of a Sanctus-bell having been formerly in the east window of the tower.

"King Edward VI., in the sixth year of his reign, granted his license to Francis Peyton to alienate the manor and advowson of Lindon, with the appurtenances, in the County of Rutland, to John Hunt and his heirs. This John Hunt was the Father of Remigius Hunt [whose
name is on the 1st bell with the blundered inscription] who, in the 39th year of Elizabeth, borrowing £110 of Tobias Loveday of Stamford . . . .
did joyn in a Lease with Elizabeth his wife Thomas and Francis his sons, whereby they demised certain Farms in this Town to the said Loveday for 21 years, by way of mortgage, for the security of the said sum; the rent of which Farms being received by Loveday, and amounting to £30 per annum clear, one Will. Cook of Normanton in this County exhibited an Information against the said Loveday in the Exchequer upon the Statute of usury, but became nonsuit."—Wright's Rutland, p. 82. See a full Pedigree of Hunt, of Lyndon, in Visitation of Rutland 1618-19, published by Harleian Society, p. 14.

Samuel Barker Esq. whose name is on the 3rd bell, was—as is shewn in the Parish Register—buried here on the 19th of March 1759.

Sir Abel Barker of Hambleton, who was created a Baronet on the 9th September, 1665, married Anne, daughter of Sir Thomas Burton of Stockerston, Bart., and died in 1679. Shortly before his death he purchased the manor and advowson of Lyndon, which, upon his death, descended to his son, Sir Thomas Barker, whose name is on the 4th bell. This Sir Thomas Barker (the second, and last, Baronet), who represented the County in Parliament, was buried at Lyndon, where the following entry is in the Register:


The arms granted to Thomas Barker, Esq. (grandfather of the last Baronet), on 7th February, 1663-4, were:—Per fesse nebulee sa. and or 3 martlets counterchanged. Crest: A bear sejant ppr.

The Rev. Wm. Clayton died Rector of this parish, and was buried in this Church, on the 20th October, 1730. He was succeeded by the Rev. W. Whiston, the celebrated mathematician and translator of Josephus.*

* I am indebted to Mr. Justin Simpson for these extracts from the Register: and see Wright's Rutland.
At the Death-knell thrice three tolls are given for a male, thrice two for a female.

On Sunday the bells are chimed for Divine Service, and the Sermon-bell is rung.

MANTON.

S. Mary. 2 Bells.

1. [ + 2 ] ABCDEFGHI [ □ ii ]
   (Diam. 20 in.)
   (Diam. 22½ in.)

The initials T. S. on the 2nd bell are most probably those of Thomas Smyth, who was, as can be gathered from the Register, Churchwarden about that time.

In the Church Chest are fragments of a small bell which measured 10½ inches in diameter: it is without inscription or stamp of any kind. It may once have occupied the Sancte Bell-cot over the chancel arch, but its appearance rather favours a more recent date.

The Pancake-bell, which was formerly rung on Shrove-Tuesday, and the Gleaning-bell during harvest, have both been discontinued for several years.

At the Death-knell thrice three tolls are given for a male, thrice two for a female, both before and after the knell.

A short time before a Funeral the tenor bell is tolled as a "call-bell"; it is again tolled when the time for interment has arrived.

On Sunday the 1st bell is rung at 9 a.m. For Divine Service both bells are chimed, after which the tenor is rung.

MARKET OVERTON.

SS. Peter and Paul. 3 Bells.

1. OMNIA FIAN'T AD GLORIAM DEI : : GLORIA PATRI
The Inscriptions on the

2. TD WP 1658.
3. OMNIA FIANT AD GLORIAM DEI :: GLORIA PATRI FILIO ET SPIRITUI SANCTO :: THO :: EAYRE :: 1737.
   (Diam. 41 in.)

The Pancake-bell is rung on Shrove-Tuesday at noon.
The Gleaning-bell is rung at 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. during Harvest.
At the Death-knell thrice three tolls are given for an adult male,
twice three (a perversion of thrice two) for an adult female; thrice two
(a perversion of twice three) for a boy, twice two for a girl, all before
the knell.

On Sunday a bell is rung at 8.30, and again after Morning Service
when Evening Prayer is to be said.

MORCOTT.
S. Mary. 4 Bells and a Clock-bell.

1. [+ 26] THOS NORRIS MADE ME 1637.
   (Diam. 28 in.)

2. ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOP.
   (Diam. 29 in., letters like □ 16 and □ 17.)

3. IHS NAZARENE REX JUDAERUM FILI DEI MISERERE MEI :: GLORIA PATRI FILIO ET SPIRITUI SANCTO 1726.
   (Diam. 31½ in.)

4. S MARIA [□ 13] [□ 9.]
   (Diam. 32½ in.)

There is a small clock-bell now without clapper placed under a bell-
cot at an angle of the battlements of the tower, inscribed (like the chapel
bell of S. Peter’s College, Cambridge, dated 1622):—

AD MONEO CUM MOVEO.
   (Diam. 13 in.)
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The Gleaning-bell is rung at 8 a.m. and at 6 p.m. during Harvest. The Pancake-bell on Shrove-Tuesday is lately discontinued.

At Death-knell thrice three tolls are given for a male, thrice two for a female, before and after the knell.

A Peal is rung on the 5th of November.

On Sunday the 1st bell is rung at 8 a.m.; the 1st and 2nd bells at 9.30. For Divine Service the bells are chimed, after which the tenor is rung. After Morning Service the 1st bell is rung.

The Churchwardens' Accounts have a few meagre references to the bells; e.g.:

1688. Feb. 24. Itûn paid for fore bell ropes .......... o . 10 . 0
1695. Jun. 4. Itûn pd for the fastning the first bell gudgin .............................. 00 . 00 . 06
Itûn pd for the second bell claper mending ........................................... 00 . 00 . 06
1696. Apr. 15. Paid to the ringars on the thanksgiving day ................................ o . 1 . 0
May 25. Paid for making the third bell badrick* ........................................ o . 1 . 0
1698. July 30. Paid to Thomas Law of Cliff for 4 bellropes ................................. 08 . 06
1768. A boldick for the 4 Bell ......................... o . 1 . 6
1772. Nov. 5. Gave the Ringers ......................... 1 . 6

NORMANTON.

S. Matthew.

1. GOD BE OVR 1749 SPEED. HEDDERLY.

* The Bauderick was a leather attached to the clapper by which it was suspended to the bell.
The Inscriptions on the

OAKHAM.

All Saints.

8 Bells and a Priest's Bell.

1. JOHN TAYLOR & CO FOUNDERS LOUGHBOROUGH. AGO GRATIAS HUMILLIME H. F. 1860. (Diam. 30 in.)

2. JOHN TAYLOR & CO FOUNDERS LOUGHBOROUGH 1860. (Diam. 31 in.)

3. [ + 26 ] GOD SAVE THE KING T MEKINGS TOBIE NORRIS CAST ME 1677. (Diam. 32½ in.)

4 and 5. G. MEARS FOUNDER LONDON 1858. (Diams. 34 in. and 36 in.)


7. FRANCIS CLEEVE : WILL. MAIDWELL : CHURCHWARDENS. HENRY PENN MADE ME 1723 O O O (Diam. 42 in.)

8. J TAYLOR & CO BELLFOUNDERS LOUGHBOROUGH 1875. (Diam. 48¾ in.)

There is also a Priest's bell inscribed:—

H STINSON } CHURCHWARDENS 1840.
J RUDKIN

The initials H. F. on the treble bell are those of the Rev. Heneage Finch, the then Vicar.

Mr. Robert Blackburn, who died early in the sixteenth century, left by his will 3s. 4d. to the bells of Oakham Church.

The tenor bell was previously inscribed "God save the King. Tobie Norris cast me 1677."
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The Curfew is rung from Old Michaelmas-day to Old Lady-day.
The Gleaning-bell is rung at 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. during harvest.
The Pancake-bell is rung on Shrove-Tuesday.
The 7th bell is called "The Meeting-bell," being rung to call town meetings.

At the Death-knell thrice three tolls are given for a male, thrice two for a female, both before and after the knell.

On Sunday the 3rd bell is rung at 9 a.m. and again after Morning Service. For Divine Service the bells are chimed for twenty minutes, the Sermon-bell is rung for seven minutes, and after that the priest's bell for three minutes.

Peals are rung on the Eves of Christmas and the New Year.
There are "quarter-jacks" which strike the quarters.

OAKHAM HOSPITAL.

SS. John Evangelist and Anne. 1 Bell.

1. T : EAYRE : A : D : : 1744 : (2 crowns.)
   (Diam. 12\(\frac{1}{2}\) in.)

PICKWORTH.

All Saints. 1 Bell.

A modern church, built in 1823, with one small new bell in a gable.

At the close of the Morning Service, after the first Publication of the Banns of Marriage, the bell is sounded a few times.

PILTON.

S. Nicolas. 2 Bells.

1. Blank.
   (Diam. 19 in., cracked.)
At the Death-knell thrice three tolls are given for a male, thrice two for a female, before the knell. On Sunday a morning bell is sounded at 8 a.m. For Divine Service the two are chimed, after which the Sermon-bell is rung.

PRESTON.

SS. Peter and Paul.

3 Bells and a Sanctus-Bell.

1. [ + 33 ] GBRIET
   (Diam. 32½ in.)
2. 1771
   (Diam. 35½ in.)
3. [ + 23 ] GOD SAVE OUR QUEEN
   ELIZABETH [ V 3. ]
   (Diam. 39 in. Letters like □ 16 and □ 17.)

There is also an ancient Sanctus-bell hanging from the key-stone of the arch of the Belfry east window. It is 15½ inches in diameter, and is now without a clapper. It is inscribed, in small gothic capitals, all crowned:—

[ 15 ] S MARIO

The hexagonal stamp upon this interesting bell is also upon the 2nd bell at Dalby Parva, Leicestershire.

At the Death-knell no notice is now given of sex: formerly three tolls were given for a male, two for a female. A singular custom prevails on Sunday. On Sunday morning, or the morning of any day, when there is to be Divine Service and a Sermon preached the tenor bell is rung at 8 a.m.; when there is to be Service but no Sermon the same bell is tolled at 8.30 a.m. At the conclusion of the Morning Service the tenor bell is again rung if Evening Prayer is to be said.
RIDLINGTON.

SS. Mary and Andrew.

3 Bells.

1. [ + 21 ]
   [ v 9 ]
   (Diam. 27½ in.)

   (Diam. 30 in.)

3. MASTER [ v 3 ] TOMAS [ v 3 ]
   HAZELRIG [ v 3 ]
   (Diam. 31 in.)

At Death-knell thrice three tolls are given for a male, thrice two for a female, both before and after the knell.

On Sunday a bell is rung at 8 a.m. For Divine Service the bells are chimed, and a Sermon-bell (the tenor) rung.

Master Thomas Hazelrigg—the probable donor of the 3rd bell—was the son of Miles Hazelrigg of Nosely, by Bridget, daughter of Thomas Griffin, of Braybroke, Co. Northants. He was alive in 1605, and married Ursula, daughter of Sir Thomas Andrewes of Winwick, Co. Northants, and was ancestor of the present baronet. (Visititation of Leicestershire, 1619, p. 15, issued by Harleian Society.) He was also the donor of the single bell at Nosely, Leicestershire, which is inscribed "Thomas Hezelrig Squier maed me 1596 [v 1,]" and which, like this bell, was cast by Watts of Leicester. (North's Church Bells of Leicestershire, p. 257.)

RYHALL.

S. John the Evangelist.

5 Bells.

1. EDWARD ARNOLD LEICESTER FECIT 1790.
   (Diam. 31 in.)
The Inscriptions on the

2. **OMNIA FIANT AD GLORIAM DEI** [ + 26 ] 1627.
   (Diam. 34 in.)

3. **[ + 26 ] NON CLAMOR SED AMOR CALMAT AVRE DEI** **THOMAS NORRIS CAST ME** 1626 C B : J W : C H : W A :
   (Diam. 35 in.)

4. **MEARS AND STAINBANK FOUNDERS LONDON.**
   (Diam. 39 in.)

5. **THOMAS NORRIS MADE ME** 1633.
   (Diam. 43½ in.)

The 4th bell was previously inscribed "I.H.S. Nazarene rex Judæorum fili Dei miserere mei. Omnia fiant ad gloriam Dei 1720."
The Pancake-bell is rung on Shrove-Tuesday.
At Death-knell thrice three tolls are given for a male, thrice two for a female.

On a board in the belfry are the following lines:—

Whoever . Comes Into . This Place
   His . Pleasure . For . To Take .
   This . Law With . Him . We Make .
That . Every . Time He Turns . A . Bell
   In The Light Or . Dark .


Here is a chiming apparatus.

**SEATON.**

**All Hallows.**

1. **HENRY BAGLEY MADE MEE** 1684.
   (Diam. 27½ in.)
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2. SVM ROZA PVLSATA MVNDIA MARIA VOCATA 1597.
   (Diam. 29\(\frac{3}{4}\) in.)

3. REDONVOR LLEB EVLTENEB EORANCEVR [ + 25.]
   (Diam. 33 in.)

4. [ + 8 ] CELORVM CRISTI PLAT-THAT TIBI BEN SONYVS ISTI 1597
   RICHARDE BROUGHTON ROBARTVS SHEFELDE ARMIGIRE.
   (Diam. 34\(\frac{3}{4}\) in.)

   (Diam. 39 in.)

The inscription on the 2nd bell is probably a copy of that on the ancient bell before it was recast in 1597.

The letters of the inscription on the 3rd bell are all reversed, (they cannot be so given in type,) and it reads backwards:—

"Ryecharde Benetlyc Bell Fovndde."  

Richard Broughton (whose name is on the 4th bell) was the son of Markes Broughton of Seaton, descended from a Lancashire family. He was living in 1613. The Pedigree of Robert Sheffield (son and heir of George Sheffield of Seaton) is given in the Visitation of Rutland 1618-19, published by the Harleian Society, p. 19.

The Pancake-bell and the Gleaning-bell were both formerly rung.

At the Death-knell three tolls are given for a male, two for a female, before the knell.

On Sunday a bell used to be rung at 7 a.m. and again at 9 a.m.; it is now rung only at the latter hour. For Divine Service one bell is tolled fifteen minutes, then all are chimed for ten minutes, after which the treble bell is tolled for five minutes. After Morning Service three bells are chimed to give notice that Evening Prayer will be said.
The Inscriptions on the

STOKE DRY.

S. Andrew.

1. THOS. EAYRE DE KETTERING FECIT 1761.
   OMNIA FIANT AD GLORIAM DEI : LAUDATE
   ILLUM CYMBALIS SONORIS.
   (Diam. 37¼ in.)

At Death-knell thrice three tolls are given for a male, thrice two for a female, both before and after the knell.

On Sunday the bell is rung at 9 a.m. if Morning Prayer is to be said, or at noon if Divine Service is to be in the afternoon. For Service the bell is tolled for fifteen minutes, and then (when a sermon is to be preached) rung for the same time.

Tradition says there were formerly two bells here within a steeple of wood. In the upper part of the present tower (built in the eighteenth century and which is very difficult of access) there is no room for more than the present single bell.

Upon one of the two sculptured shafts of late Norman date supporting the chancel arch is represented a man tolling a bell.

STRETTON.

S. Nicolas.

1. HENRY · PENN · FVSORE · 1710.
   (Diam. 22 in.)

2. [ + 10 ] THOMAS · NORRIS · MADE · MEE · 1663.
   (Diam. 23 in.)

TEIGH.

Holy Trinity.

1. OMNIA FIANT AD GLORIAM DEI. GLORIA DEO SOLI.
   T. EAYRE A.D. 1746.
   (Diam. 32½ in.)
2. OMNIA FIANT AD GLORIAM DEI. GLORIA PATRI
FILIO ET SPIRITU SANCTO 1746.
( Diam. 33½ in. )
3. IN NOBIS MARIA [ ☐ 19 ☐ 18 ☐ 20. ]
( Diam. 34½ in. W. H. 1702 incised with a knife. )

The present Church here—judging by a date on the ceiling—was
finished in the year 1782: the above bells no doubt belonged to the
previous edifice.

The Pancake-bell is rung on Shrove-Tuesday.
At the Death-knell three tolls are given for a male, two for a female,
and the age of the deceased is tolled.

It was formerly the practice to chime after a Funeral, but the
custom is not now followed.
For Divine Service the bells are chimed, and a Sermon-bell rung.
There is a tradition that two bells were removed from this Church to
that at Stapleford.

THISTLETON.

S. NICOLAS.
1 Bell.

The bell is rung daily at 8 a.m. and at 1 p.m.
The Pancake-bell is rung at 11 a.m. on Shrove-Tuesday.
At the Death-knell thrice three tolls are given for a male, thrice two
for a female.
There were formerly two bells here. Both being cracked, they were
cast into the present bell by George Hedderly of Nottingham, in 1793,
at the cost of Mrs. Fludyer.

TICKENCOTE.

S. Peter.
2 Bells.
1. Blank.
( Diam. 26½ in. )
The Inscriptions on the

2. THOMAS NORRIS CAST ME 1630.  
   (Diam. 33½ in. Cracked and useless.)

The Gleaning-bell formerly rung during harvest is now discontinued. 
At the Death-knell three tolls are given for a male, two for a female.

At Funerals the custom is to toll the tenor for an hour while all is 
being made ready to bring the corpse to the church.

On Sunday the 1st bell is rung at 8 a.m. and again at 9 a.m.

For Divine Service the sound bell—the 1st—is tolled for fifteen 
minutes; and it is again tolled after Morning Service to announce a 
second Service.

TINWELL.

All Saints. 4 Bells.

1. [ + 26 ] THOMAS NORRIS MADE ME 1654.  
   (Diam. 30 in. Canons broken: fastened with bolts.)

2. THOMAS JOHNSON GEORGE ALLIN JOHN SISSEN 
   HENRY GOODLAD CHURCH WARDENS 
   { HENRY 1708 }  
   { PENN MADE ME }  
   (Diam. 32½ in.)

3 [ + 10 ] THOMAS NORRIS MADE ME 1639. 
   (Diam. 35 in.)

4. [ + 10 ] NON · SONO · ANIMABUS 
   · MORTUORUM · SED · AVRI-
   BUS VIVENTIVM 1620. 
   (Diam. 38½ in.)

At Death-knell thrice three tolls are given for a man, thrice two for 
a woman: for a child of either sex thrice two tolls on the 1st bell.

On Sunday the bells are chimed for Divine Service and a Sermon-
bell is rung.
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The old saying (showing that ringers have in past times borne an indifferent character) is quoted here:

Singers and Ringers
Are little home bringers.

TIXOVER.

S. Mary Magdalen or S. Luke.

1. Sancta Fides Or Pr Nobis [ + 12 ] [ ∪ 29 ] [ + 32. ]
   (Diam. 35 in.)

   At the Death-knell thrice three tolls are given for a male, thrice two
for a female.

UPPINGHAM.

SS. Peter and Paul.

1, 2. PACK & CHAPMAN OF LONDON FECIT 1773.
   (Diams. 28 in. and 29 in.)
3. PACK & CHAPMAN OF LONDON FECIT 1772.
   (Diam. 31 in.)
4. MATTHEW CATLIN AND RICHARD WADE JUNR.
   CHURCHWARDENS. TAYLOR ST. NEOTS
   FOUNDER 1804.
   (Diam. 34 in.)
5, 6, 7. PACK & CHAPMAN OF LONDON FECIT 1772.
   (Diams. 34 3/ in. 37 in. and 40 3/ in.)
8. YE RINGERS ALL WHO PRIZE YOUR HEALTH AND
   HAPPINESS
   BE SOBER MERRY WISE AND YOULL THE SAME
   POSSESS
   PACK & CHAPMAN OF LONDON WALTER ROBARTS
   CH. WARDEN 1772.
   (Diam. 44 3/ in.)
The Inscriptions on the

A Churchwardens' Account Book is preserved in the Parish Chest, from which the following extracts have been kindly made for me by my friend, Mr. W. H. Jones:

1633. It. to WiHm Yates for Ironworke about ye Bells 0. 1. 11
1634. [Steeple repaired and bells rehung.]
   It. for the Role to draw up the bells & other timber for the role.............................. 0. 13. 4
   It. for 4 wheels making & the timber & nails ... 4. 13. 4
   It. for timber for the Saincts bells frame & the yoke .............................................. 0. 3. 0
   [Bell hanger and three men paid respectively 1s. 8d., 16d., 15d., 15d., for 57 days.]
   It. Wood for the Baldracks for the Bells....... 1. 2
   It. for Whitleather for the Baldracks .......... 4
   To Thomas Clarke for Ironwork for the Bells.
   Imp. for three hundred & a half & 7 pounds of Iron work at sixpence the pound ................. 9. 19. 6
   It. for iron work for the Saints Bell [ &c. ]..... 6. 4
   It. for scrues & plates for the wheels ........... 4. 4
   It. for bossing the second bells clapper ......... 6. 4
   It. for three new clappers weighing five score & 3 pound at 8d. the pound .................. 3. 8. 8
   It. for mending the second bell clapper being too light ........................................... 0. 2. 8
   It. for carrying the same to the smith ........... 0. 2. 0
   It. To Ri. Boydon for casting 68 pounds of old brass at 6d. the pound ....................... 1. 14s
   It. To him for five pounds of new brass ........ 0. 5. 0
   It. To Daniell Mackerith for one rope weighing 30 pound .......................................... 15. 0
   It. To him for four bel ropes .................... 12. 0
   It. To Solomon Day for 2 belropes & for mend- ing 2 ropes .................................. 8. 2
1635. It. to Willjam King for Iron work for the great Bell & straightening the clapper .......... 0. 1. 3

1636. Item payd to Anto. ffielding & Wm King for worke about the fore-bell ....................... 0. 1. 1
Item payd to John Sitton for a Baldrice for the same Bell ........................................... 0. 1. 4
Item payd for leather to amend the baulderick of the fore-bell ....................................... 0. 0. 5

163-. Imprimis payd to Robert Sherwood & his son for altering the first bell ......................... 0. 8. 6
Item payd for a peice of wood to M' Orme for the great Bell yoke .................................. 0. 2. 6
Item for sixe newe keyes for the first Bell ...... 0. 1. 0
Item for braddds for the stayes for the same bell ......................................................... 0. 0. 1
Item to Anthonye Gray for an yron Baldericke ............................................................... 0. 1. 0
Item to Wm Yates for 18 new keyes to cotter the greate Bell ......................................... 0. 3. 0
Item for a wedge of iron ............................................................................................... 0. 0. 9

1637. It. for a baldrig for the first bell .............. 1. 6
It. for a baldrig for the great bell .................. 1. 0
It. for a baldrig for the third bell ................. 1. 0
It. given to the ringers at the same time [viz., the Visitation held at the church] ................ 0. 0. 4
It. for 4 new bellropes ................................................. ......................................... 12. 0

1637. It. to Antho. ffalkner for keeping the bells w'th was left unpaid in the yeare of our lord 1636 ... [No amount.]

1638. It. for a new belrope for y® great bell ........ 0. 3. 0
It. given y® ringers for y® kings happy return from Spane ............................................. 0. 1. 6
It. to y® ringers upon y® kings day .................. 0. 1. 0

1639. It™ to the Ringers on the fift of November.... 0. 1. 0
It™ to Dan Makerth for 3 new ropes & 2 shootings o. 12. 0
It™ to Jo. Atton for the [fourth?] Bell baldery & whileather ........................................... 0. 1. 0
1640. It. given to y* ringers on the 5<sup>th</sup> of November... 0. 1. 0
It. given the ringers on the king's day ............... 0. 0. 6
It. to John Atton for a baldrick & a buckell ... 0. 1. 8

1652. 1653. 1654.
Payd to Will Browne for keepin the bells &
Roopes one yeare ........................................ 1. 0. 0
for a Theale for the grate bell......................... 1. 0
for 2 bauldridges ....................................... 3. 0
for mending the grate bell Roole ..................... 6

[A Amongst "Rents due att Lady day." ]

1661. Imp* John Wells for y* towne land called Bell-
rope land.................................................... 03. 00. 00
[This entry occurs again in 1663, the amount
being £2. I can find no trace of this land
now. ]
Payd Phill Fleming in full for ringing y* bell for
y* yeare 1660 ................................................ 02. 00. 00
It. given the ringers the 5<sup>th</sup> of November.... 0. 2. 0
[This entry occurs again in 1662, 1664, 1665. ]

1662. Paid Mr Norris in earnest for casting the bells 0. jo. 0
Payd for Mr Norris charges .............................. 0. 8. jo
Payd William Browne for mending the bells ..... 1. 16. 2

1663. To Robert Pakeman for carrying y* bells to
Stamford..................................................... 0. 4. 0

1664. Payd to Grene off hoult [Holt] for bell Ropes:
the weight 21<sup>l</sup> at 5<sup>l</sup> per lb .................................. 0. 8. 9
Payd for board & for y* Ringers att y* bishops
visitation...................................................... 0. oj. 0

1665. Pead for a bodrick for the litell bell............ 0. 0. 4

1666. For a litell bell rop.................................. 0. 1. 4
Payd to green of holt for 3 bell rops ............... 0. 4. 10
The bell chargeis cometh to ......................... 9. 7. 0
Spent at Stamford........................................ 3. 6
For caridg................................................. 4. 0
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for [ale ?] at upingam on lodin the bell .......... 1.4
1667. paid to a man that went to Mr Norrice .......... 8
paid for charges when Mr Norrice came to
hang ye bell*......................................... 0. 2. 0
paid to men that helped up ye bell................... 0. 1. 0
pd more to ye Bell Hanger........................... 3. 10. 0
1668. paid to the Roper for keeping the bel Ropes ... 00. 05. 00
1669. paid for mending the second & third bell ...... 0. 5. 4
spent at Stanford w' th ye bell founder............. 0. 0. 6
1670. pade to william browne and His sun for 4 dayes
worke aboute the grate bell.......................... 0. 12. 0
pade to william fox for Irin worke aboute the
grate bell.......................................... 0. 17. 8
payde to william browne for mendin the thord bell
.................................................. 0. 5. 0
1676. Item paid for a set of bell ropes................. 10. 0
To goodman ffox for a piece of iron put into
the crown of the great bell ......................... 1. 0
To the Ringers upon the 5th of November....... 1. 0
To the ringers May the 29th ......................... 1. 0
1678. Paid ye the 29th of May to ye Ringers .......... 1. 0
paid ye 5th of November to ye Ringers............ 1. 0
for a Baldrick ffor ye little Bell ................... 6
1680. pd to ye Ringers Coronation day; and ye 5th
November ........................................... 0. 2. 0
1688. pd at proclaiming the King for ringing & bone
tier &c .................................................. 0. 17. 0
1702. To the Ringers on ye proclamation day ....... 5. 0
To ye Ringers 29th May & 5th Nov. ............... 4. 0
To the Ringers on the day of Thanksgiving
for destroying 40 Ships men of Warr of the

* It will be noticed "bells" are mentioned as going to Stamford 1662-1663, but here
"ye bell" only.
The Inscriptions on the

french & Spanish Gallcons at Vigo .............  10.  0
Recd for Bell Mettle............................  1.  2.  0
[ This I suspect records the fate of the "Saints" bell. ]

1705.  paid for 2 new Bell ropes & shooting of the old ones ........................................  06.  06
1706.  pd to y* Ringers at y* day of thanksgiving ......  2.  6
    pd for Bell Ropes—a whole set ....................  0.  13.  2
1707.  paid the Ringers for Ringing it being a day of thanksgiving for y* Vnion .........................  0.  4.  0
1710.  May 29.  pd for Ale y* Ring* had ................  0.  02.  0
      June 21.  pd for Ale y* Ringers had uppon y* News of Deray being taken ...........................  0.  02.  0
      Aug. 12.  pd for Ale y* Ringers had uppon y*  Surrender of Bethune ..................................  0.  02.  6
      Nov. 5th.  pd for Ale &c ..................................  0.  02.  0
      Nov. 7th.  pd Jn* Harrison for Ale y* Ringers had & Widdow York being a day of Thank-
giving for our success y* last Campaine ..........  0.  04.  0
      pd for Ale ye Ring* had when they work'd att y* Church and Ale ye Ring* had on y* 8th
      March being y* day of Her Majesty's Accession
to y* Throne ...........................................  0.  05.  6
1711.  Iron worke to y* 3d & 4th Bells altering y* Clapper 2 new Stays 5 Keys 2 Screw pinns a
      Hook & Staple ........................................  00.  05.  10
1712.  Paid John Green for 5 Bell Ropes ...............  00.  13.  00
      for Ale when y* new bell was hung ............  1.  0
1714.  pd Mr How for making y* Articles w* Bell Hangers .............................................  2.  0
      pd Job Swayen for taking down y* Bell By ye order of the neighbours .................................  12.  0
      pd for Ale for earnest for y* Bell ................  2.  6
      pd expence at y* Running y* Bell at y* Bargaine
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making.................................................. 13. 0
pd Mr Palmers bill for drawing Bell-founders
security .................................................. 14. 4
pd Wm Burton for carrying y* bell to & from
Leis'...................................................... 2. 2. 6
pd Wm Burton extraordinary on same occasion 0. 16. 0
Expences at Leicester for Horses & charges ... 1. 13. 6
Half y* charges for Running y* Bell ............... 12. 4. 6
1 part of 3 for Hanging y* Bells ................... 10. 0. 0

1720. May 28. To the Ringers [King George's
Birthday ] .............................................. 0. 2. 6
29 To the Ringers ........................................ 0. 2. 6
Aug 1 Ale to the Ringers ......................... 2. 6
Oct 20 Paid the Ringers [Coronation Day,
George I.] ............................................. 2. 6
Nov 5 Paid the Ringers ................................. 2. 6

1721. [2s. 6d. to ringers each of above five days.]
June 22 Pd the Ringers for Ringing for a
peace with Spaine........................................ 3. 0

1722. Ale to y* Ringers w* the L* Bp was here .... 7. 6
Oct 7 Ale to ye Ringers for K. Georges Coron. 2. 6
[This date is evidently a mistake.]

1724. [2s. 6d. each date to ringers May 28, 29, Aug. 1,
Oct. 20, Nov. 5.]

1726. Paid for 5 Days Ringing ......................... 12. 6
1727. Paid the Ringers it being the Queens birthday 2. 6
[King's Proclamation Day, 5s.—other four
days, 2s. 6d. each.]

At the Death-knell three tolls are given for a male, two for a female.
On Sunday the 1st bell is rung at 8 a.m. Half an hour before each
service the 5th or 6th bell is rung for ten minutes, then all the bells are
chimed until five minutes before the commencement of Divine Service,
when the 5th or 6th is again rung, excepting when there is to be a
celebration of the Holy Communion, when the 7th bell is tolled instead.
The Inscriptions on the

UPPINGHAM SCHOOL CHAPEL.

3 Bells.

1, 2. J. TAYLOR & CO. FOUNDERS LOUGHBOROUGH 1872.
   (Diams. 33½ in., 37½ in. Notes B Flat and G.)
3. J. TAYLOR & CO. FOUNDERS LOUGHBOROUGH LEICESTERSHIRE 1871.
   (Diam. 49 in. Note D.)

There is not—it must be said with regret—room for these bells to be rung. For Divine Service on Sundays, Saints' Days, and on Wednesdays during Lent, the bells are chimed, after which the Sermon bell (tenor) is sounded. If the day be wet two bells only are chimed to warn the boys to go direct into chapel without waiting for "call-over."

It need scarcely be added that "breaking up" is celebrated by as merry a noise as these really fine bells can produce in their present position. The tenor bell cost £163 14s. 2d., the two smaller (weighing together 18 cwt. 0 qr. 6 lbs., at £8 3s. 4d. per cwt.), £147 8s. 9d. The total cost of the three bells, with expenses of carriage, hanging, &c., &c., was £352 16s.

WARDLEY.

S. MARY or S. BOTOLPH. 2 Bells.

1. GOD SAVE THE KING 1677.
   (Diam. 24 in.)
2. [ + 2 ] ΘΟΜΑ [ U 27 ]
   (Diam. 27 in.)

There were formerly three bells. The ancient tenor, being cracked, was taken down, deposited at the bottom of the tower, and eventually sold. The present bell-frame is much decayed, and the ladders worm-eaten.

The Pancake-bell is rung at 11 a.m. on Shrove-Tuesday.
Church Bells of Rutland.

At the Death-knell three tolls are given for a male, two for a female. At Funerals the bells, until recently, were chimed when the procession entered the churchyard; now the second bell is tolled.

On Sunday the two bells are chimed at 9 a.m., if there is to be Morning Service, or at noon if only Afternoon Service. The clerk does not commence chiming for Divine Service until the non-resident clergyman has actually arrived.

WHISSENDINE.

S. Andrew. 4 Bells.

1. RICH D FLOOR CHURCHWARDEN EDW D ARNOLD LEICESTER FECIT 1785.
   (Diam. 36 in.)

2. [ + 34 ] GOD SAVE HIS CHURCH
   1609 [☐ 7].
   (Diam. 37 in.)

3. SACRA CLANGO : GAUDIA PANGO : FUNERA PLANGO.
   TAYLOR & CO FOUNDERS LOUGHBOROUGH 1872.
   (Diam. 40 in.)

4. [my | roaring | sound | both | warning | give | that | me | cannot | hear | always | lybe | 1609 | ☐ 7]
   (Diam. 43½ in.)

The 3rd bell was previously inscribed "Sacra clango : gaudia pango : funera plango 1709. E. Stafford, J. Greenfield Wardens. W. Cuminge Vickar." It weighed 9 cwt. 3 qrs. 20 lbs.; the new bell weighs 10 cwt. 3 qrs. 24 lbs. At the same time (1872) the other bells were put in good order. The Rector gives the following statement of costs:—
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The Pancake-bell is rung at 11 a.m. on Shrove-Tuesday.
The Gleaning-bell is rung at 8 a.m. and at 6 p.m. during harvest.
At the Death-knell four tolls are given for a male, three for a female.
On Sunday the 1st bell is rung at 8 a.m., the 2nd bell at 9 a.m. All the bells are chimed for Divine Service.

WHITWELL.

S. Michael. 2 Bells.

1. J EAYRE St NEOTS 1749 + +
   (Diam. 17½ in.)
2. [ + 28] IN : HONORE : SANCTI EIDII.
   (Diam. 21½ in.)

Although there are more than 140 churches in England dedicated to S. Giles (S. Ægidius—for that is the Latin form of the name intended on the 2nd bell) his name is seldom found on Church Bells. I only know of two other instances—the 2nd bell at Dickleburgh, Norfolk, and the 3rd bell at S. Laurence, Ipswich—in both of which it occurs in this form:

+ Sonitus Egidii Ascendit Ad Culmina Celi.
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The Gleaning-bell (1st) is rung during harvest at 8 a.m.
At the Death-knell thrice three tolls are given for a male, thrice two for a female, both before and after the knell.
At Funerals both bells are rung.
On Sunday the 1st bell is rung at 8 a.m. and again at 8.30 if a sermon is to be preached at the Morning Service.

WING.

SS. Peter and Paul. 5 Bells.

1. GEO. PADDY C WARDEN 1789.
   (Diam. 27 in.)

2. GEORGE PADDY C WARDEN ROBT TAYLOR ST. NEOTS FECIT 1789.
   (Diam. 28½ in.)

3. GEO. PADDY C WARDEN R TAYLOR ST. NEOTS FECIT 1789.
   (Diam. 30 in.)

   (Diam. 31 in.)

5. S TADDEE [ + 2 ] [ ☥ 27 ] [ + 2 ]
   (Diam. 35 in.)

At the Death-knell thrice three tolls are given for a male, thrice two for a female, before and after the knell.
At Funerals the tenor bell is usually tolled. “Sometimes there has been chiming as well.”
On Sunday the 1st and 2nd bells are rung at 9 a.m. All the bells are chimed for Divine Service: after the Morning Service a bell is rung when Evening Prayer is to be said.
The Rector informs me that “it is well known that a man named Paddy living at that time (1789) attempted to cast one or more of the three smaller bells, but failed. After which the three new bells were purchased from ebay store retromedia
procured." Unfortunately the Church records give no reference to the recasting of these bells, nor to the efforts of the enterprising churchwarden, who was not so successful as a man named John Hunt, of Cholsey in Berkshire. The tenor bell in his neighbouring parish of Blewberry being broken, John Hunt undertook to recast it. He failed twice; but had perseverance enough to make a third attempt, which was successful. He had put on the bell, besides his name, address, and date (1825), the appropriate motto (says Mr. Tyssen, who tells the tale in his *Church Bells of Sussex*), "Nil Desperandum."
GOD'S APPOINTMENT IS MY CONTENTMENT.
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