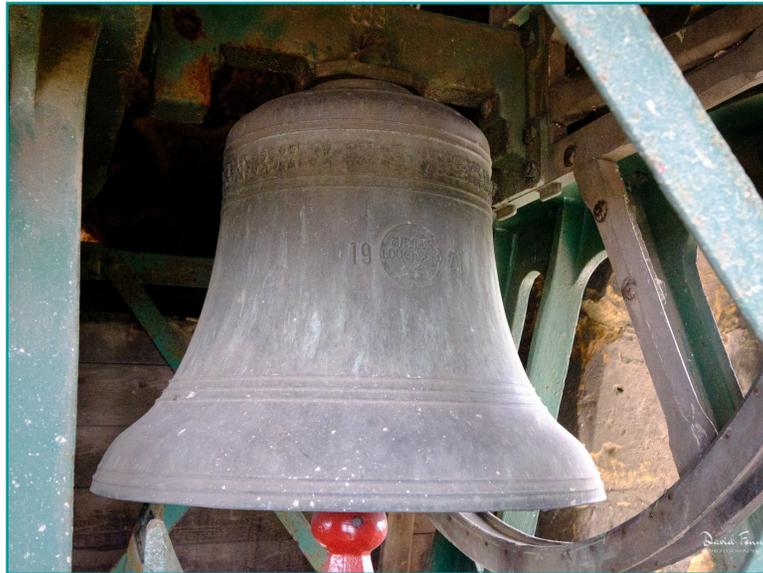


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The Centenary of the Recasting of Diseworth Church Bells

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1921 Bell, showing part of the full circle ring frame,

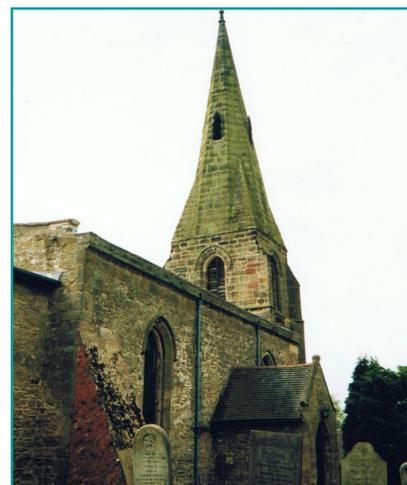
The year 2021 sees the Centenary of the recasting and rehung of the Bells of Diseworth Parish Church. The PCC, which took over many of the duties of the Churchwardens, discussed how to raise the necessary funds at their first meeting in April 1920.

When the four historic bells were examined after the Armistice, they were found to be in a very poor state and in dire need of recasting. A fifth bell, purchased in 1902, had sat on the floor of the tower since then. Taylor's of Loughborough were approached for an estimate, and the vicar, Rev Palmer, donated a sixth bell. The six bells are mounted on two frames.

The original bells had a long history. In 1552 the Commissioners reported that the church had three bells, one broken. New bells were cast in the 17th century and are dated: 1619, 1626 and 1672. A fourth bell was added in 1803. The bells were taken down on January 6 1921 and dispatched to Taylor's the following day. They were returned and rehung, and a service of dedication, led by Rev Palmer, took place on July 3 1921 following Holy Communion at 11am.



Hall Gate from the Steeple during recent repair work



The church of St. Michael and All Angels. Special peals are often rung by teams of visiting bellringers. The tenor bell weighs over half a ton.



Over the years these bells have been rung on many special occasions, the most memorable of which include muffled peals after the death of King George V in 1936, and Coronation peals for King George VI in 1937.



The bells were also rung for the new church clock in 1937, to mark the end of WW2 in 1945, the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II in 1953, the Millennium in 2000 and the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II in 2012.



The bells are rung from the ground floor of the tower. New bell-ropes were a recurring expense for Victorian churchwardens, and still need regular replacement today.