



THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JAMES  
SOUTH REPPS

in the Trunch group of parishes.

*Service of*  
***Re-dedication of the Five Bells***  
*re-hung in a new steel frame*

*and*

***Dedication of the Ringers Gallery***

*by*

*The Very Revd. Gilbert Thurlow,  
Dean Emeritus of Gloucester*

*on*

***Sunday, 18th November, 1984 at 3.00 p.m.***

## WELCOME

I am so very happy to welcome you to the parish church of St. James for this special service when the Very Revd. Gilbert Thurlow will re-dedicate the five bells and bless all the work that has been done in this magnificent tower. We at St. James have been looking forward to this day and I am delighted as I invite you to share with us this special service and, afterwards, take refreshment at the new village hall. Thank you for joining with us today.

I wish to pay tribute to the parochial church council, the members of the church, and the people of this lively village community without whose commitment and generosity this day would not have been possible. Future generations will surely be grateful.

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Also we here record our thanks to:

The Norwich Association of Ringers, for their advice and their practical and financial assistance.

The Manifold Trust, Sharpe Trust, Council for the Care of Churches and the Pilgrim Trust for their generous financial support.

The Whitechapel Bell Foundry Ltd., for the splendid work they have carried out.

Derick Gray – Tower Captain, Frederick Burton-Pye, Ivan Bailey, Leonard Burton and John Willgress – five good men of South Repps who have given freely of their time, skill and enthusiasm on work in the tower.

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Finally, to all who have worked so hard and given so generously, I can only say a simple, but very sincere, 'THANK YOU'.

Revd. Kenneth R. Evans.

The Parish Church of S. James  
South Repps

Dedication of the Restored Ring of Five  
Sunday November 18th 1984

The Ringers

for the Act of Dedication :

R. Adamek Mrs J. Breeze Miss P. Francis  
D. J. Grey H. Turner

at the end of the Service :

P. Cattermole A. Forster F. N. Golden  
G. Larter J. R. Smith

Hymn 365 Praise my soul the king of heaven

The priest shall say:

Beloved in Christ, we are met here to commit to God and to dedicate to His service the work which the five bells, now rehung in a new frame in the tower of this church, shall do in the years to come; to ask God's blessing on all who shall ring them; and to ask that all who hear them, shall lift up their minds to the things of God.

Let us thank God for the craftsmen who during many centuries have cast and hung bells in this and many other towers throughout our land, let us remember before God the ringers who in time past rung the bells of this parish: let us remember with thanksgiving the work of the South Repps Bell Restoration Fund; let us pray also for our fellow ringers throughout this land and overseas, that through our faith and in this exercise we may all be one.

Let us pray that the message of the bells may bring joy to the sad, penitence to sinners and encouragement to the faithful; and let us pray that in their song we may find peace in our hearts. These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to God in the words which Christ Himself has taught us, saying together: 'Our Father..... Amen.'

Then shall be sung PSALM 150

Here shall be read a passage from Holy Scripture:

1 Chronicles 29, verses 9 to 14.

Then shall a procession be formed consisting of the Cross Bearer, the Tower Captain, the Bell Founder, the Diocesan



Advisor on Church Bells, the Parish Priest, Churchwardens and the Very Reverend Gilbert Thurlow, during which shall be sung:

Hymn 223 Verses 1,2,4 and 6. When morning gilds the skies.

The Congregation then turns to face West. All being in readiness the parish priest shall say:

Mr. Dean, we ask you to dedicate to the glory of God these bells now hanging in a new frame in this tower, and the ringers gallery, which have been restored for the glory of God and for the use of this church, and I pray you to ask the blessing of God on those who shall ring these bells.

Then the Dean shall say:

Almighty God, we pray Thee to accept this offering at our hands; bless, sanctify and hallow the work that has been done in this tower and grant that the message of these bells may lift up the hearts of all who hear them through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

IN THE FAITH OF JESUS CHRIST WE DO SOLEMNLY SET APART AND DEDICATE THESE BELLS TO THE GLORY OF GOD, IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER AND OF THE SON AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. AMEN.

Then shall the Bell Founder hand one of the ropes to the Dean who, handing it to the parish priest, shall say: Receive these bells into your charge, as the appointed parish priest of Christ in this church; remember that they have been set apart to ring out to the glory of God and therefore take care that they ever and only be used in God's service and for His Glory.

Then all shall say:

We beseech Thee, O Heavenly Father, to pour Thy grace into the hearts of those who work for Thee in ringing the bells of the church; grant that we may never forget the sacredness of Thy House, nor profane it by thoughtlessness or irreverence, but make us ever mindful that when we ring the bells we ring to Thy honour and glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then shall the bells ring out; during the ringing, the procession returns to the chancel.

THE PRAYERS.

Then shall be sung; Hymn 246 Angel voices ever singing.

THE ADDRESS.

During the singing of the following hymn a collection will be taken in support of the South Repps Bell Restoration Fund;

Hymn 221 Come let us join our cheerful songs.

THE BLESSING.

Recessional Hymn 379 Now thank we all our God.

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The people are invited to pause outside to enjoy the ringing of the bells.

You are warmly invited to the new village hall for refreshments.

In 1983 the exterior surface of the fine west tower was completely re-pointed by Bullens. Completion of this work then made it possible to restore our bells. The Whitechapel Bell Foundry built a new steel frame & re-tuned the five bells, which were re-hung by Trevor Bailey of Whitechapels, in September 1984.

Change ringing can again be heard in South Repps after a lapse of over 150 years. Thanks be to God.

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#### THE FIVE BELLS

- Tenor 3'6 $\frac{1}{2}$  13-0-0 cwt. 1641  
Inscription: *TVBA AD IVDiTiAM CAMPANA AD ECLESiUM*
- 4th 3'4 $\frac{1}{2}$  12-0-0 cwt. early 15th century  
Inscription: *IHEVS:NAZARENVS:REX:IVDEDRVm:MiSERE:MEJ*
- 3rd 2'11 $\frac{1}{2}$  8-0-0 cwt. 1641  
Inscription: *John Brend made me*
- 2nd 2'8 $\frac{1}{2}$  6-1-0 cwt. 1641  
Inscription: *John Brend made me*
- Treble 2'6 $\frac{1}{2}$  5-2-0 cwt. 1641  
Inscription: *John Brend made me*

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#### Translations

Tenor - The trumpet is to the lord what the bell is to the church.

4<sup>th</sup> - Jesus of Nazareth: King of the Jews: have mercy on me.

Mr. D. Brock: Churchwarden

Mr. G. Trigg: Churchwarden

**St. James Church**



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