



GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

President: BISHOP OF GUILDFORD

BELL RESTORATION FUND
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Dear PCC Treasurer

I am writing on behalf of the Guildford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers Bell Restoration Fund to ask if your PCC would be willing to consider making a donation to the fund in 2022. The main sources of income to the Bell Restoration Fund are the subscriptions, donations and fund raising activities of the bell ringers of the diocese, followed by donations from PCCs who regard the fund as a useful insurance policy against the cost of major repair work that may in future be needed to their own bells.

In 2022 the following grants were approved:

St Michaels Yorktown: £1500 for safety improvements to the ringing room balustrade.

St Mary the Virgin Yorktown: £11,000 towards a complete overhaul of the bell installation.

Also, during 2021 the following project which had received an earlier BRF grant was commenced:

Guildford Cathedral: Light overhaul of the bells in preparation for the National 12 Bell Striking Competition and for a complete overhaul of the Lady Chapel Bell.

We also know of other planned restoration schemes which will be seeking grants from the Fund in the near future.

All donations large or small are gratefully received and very much appreciated as it enables the fund to continue supporting bell restoration projects throughout the Guild. Donations, made payable to "Guildford Diocesan Guild BRF", should be sent to the Guild Treasurer Mr C H Rogers at :

3 Hambledon Park.
Hambledon.
Godalming,
Surrey GU8 4ER .

Alternatively, you may prefer to make your payment by bank transfer to the following CAF Bank account:

Name: Guildford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers
Sort code: 40-52-40
Account number: 00082440

If so, please advise the Treasurer by email to chrogers@btinternet.com.

We thank you and apologise if you have recently sent a donation for 2020. All donations are acknowledged individually and in the Guild's Annual Report.

Yours sincerely

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