

Save the Bells!

Vision for the future

The project is one of renewal for the future. By taking on this responsibility now, we will ensure that future generations have the opportunity to enjoy the beautiful chime for the next century. We ask that you look over this proposal with a three-year commitment in mind. The bells are scheduled to be refurbished and reinstalled in the tower during the summer of 2010.

The Bells, a short history

There are eleven bells in St. James' beautiful tower which overlooks the Avon and downtown Stratford. The bells range in size from the 2,100 lb. Big Joe, the booming tenor bell, to the 280 lb. Choir Bell. All these bells, in the original chime were gifts of individuals of the parish and groups from Stratford and Perth County. Some inscriptions are memorials to family members and one honours Queen Victoria.

New Bells

We are planning to add four new high note bells to expand the musical capabilities of the chime. All of the new bells will be dedicated individually.

Memorials

All of the bells, including the original eleven will be refurbished, polished and tuned. This will provide the opportunity of families to recognize their ancestors with suitable inscriptions directly engraved on the bells (the original memorial inscriptions will of course remain). Memorials will be displayed in the narthex of St. James'.



Three enthusiastic chimers form a bell ringing trio. Many visitors to the bell tower over the years, and especially children, have been fascinated with the chimes.



The old white oak structure holds over seven tons of bells and equipment.

Additional Memorials

The chime stand will have to be rebuilt and reconfigured to accommodate the new 15 bell restoration. Made of oak, the original handles (keys) will be restored along with a set of foot pedals. Clock restoration of the 100 year Westminster chime will include new gravity bell hammers and the necessary connections to the bells. The swing mechanism for "Big Joe" will also have to be redone.

Size of the Project

The restoration and re-dedication of the bells includes many other facets within the project: transportation to and from the foundry; new steel framework; bell tower floor modifications; a crane to remove and install the bells; brokerage; paperwork, contingency.

Cost estimates to Save the Bells

Below are individual costs for each of the bells plus the new steel framework and tower reconstruction.

	Total cost	3 Year /option commitment
Bell 1	10,220.00	(3,407.00 x 3)
Bell 2	7,935.00	(2,645.00 x 3)
Bell 3	6,225.00	(2,075.00 x 3)
Bell 4	5,425.00	(1,808.00 x 3)
Bell 5	4,825.00	(1,608.00 x 3)
Bell 6	4,360.00	(1,453.00 x 3)
Bell 7	3,845.00	(1,282.00 x 3)
Bell 8	3,515.00	(1,172.00 x 3)
Bell 9	3,245.00	(1,082.00 x 3)
Bell 10	2,975.00	(992.00 x 3)
Bell 11	2,750.00	(917.00 x 3)
Total for the existing bells		55,320.00
The New bells		
Bell 12	10,350.00	(3,450.00 x 3)
Bell 13	7,400.00	(2,467.00 x 3)
Bell 14	6,665.00	(2,222.00 X 3)
Bell 15	5,630.00	(1,877.00 X 3)
Total for the New bells		30,045.00
Chime Stand modifications	13,620.00	
Install new steel frame	22,050.00	
Bell installation/transport	25,855.00	
Crane rental	6,000.00	
New clock parts/hammers	6,615.00	
Swing mechanism	5,020.00	
Tower modification	10,500.00	
Contingency	15,000.00	
Currency exchange	10,000.00	
Total project estimate		\$201,025.00

Please have a close look at the enclosed commitment card and take some time to quietly consider how you can help to Save the Bells of St. James'. Chime In!



More information and photographs may be seen on our web site:
www.stjamesstratford.ca

The old white oak frame that holds the bells is slowly falling apart... all of the timbers will be replaced with steel. Above: Showing his age, Big Joe hangs in the belfry.



How can I be a part of Saving the Bells?
You can help by telling the story and deciding to make a financial commitment to the project. It does not matter how much you give, what matters is that you give something.

I want to help but I have limited resources.
You can begin by putting a few dollars away each month to aid the project with a due date of September 2010.

I want some recognition of my gift but I can't afford a bell or the other major pieces of the project.
You can be a "Member" of the Project by committing to \$500.00 over the three-year period set out as the campaign length. At the \$500.00 level you will be recognized in a plaque to be affixed to the walls of the narthex.

How can we memorialize a family member by refurbishing one of the original bells?
With your commitment, the "obverse" side of the particular original bell would carry the engraved memorial to whomever you want and the original inscription would remain on the other side of the bell.

We want to make a significant contribution to the project and some other form of acknowledgement.
The committee is at your disposal and any of us would be glad to take your request to the Board of Management. We are completely open to individual suggestions.

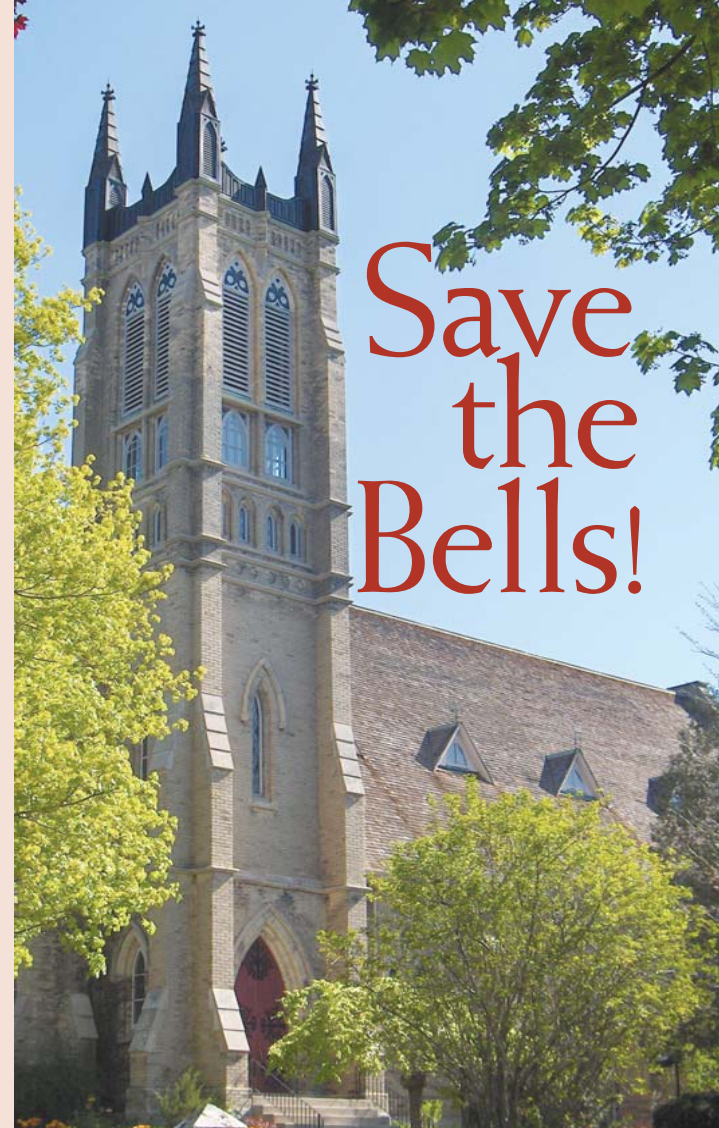
I want to be included but I'm not a member of St. James'. We are all in this to provide the magic of the bells for everyone...



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Bells Web Site: where you can find more information on the bells and hear them play...

www.stjamesstratford.ca



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Almost 100 years, and the bells of St. James' Anglican Church, Stratford have proclaimed the tempo of our lives. Eleven bells have been a constant in the life of the parish and the wider community. The original structure in the tower that holds the bells is made of white oak; many of these timbers are rotten. Unless this framework is replaced, the bells will have to come down, the bells will no longer ring.



Help Save The Bells!

Save the Bells

I/we want to Help Save the Bells of St. James' ...

Purchase one of the new bells

Bell # _____ over 3 years _____ (option)

Refurbish an original bell

Bell # _____ over 3 years _____ (option)

Rebuild the chime stand

_____ over 3 years _____ (option)

Build a new Steel framework

_____ over 3 years _____ (option)

Contribute to over-all project

_____ over 3 years _____ (option)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/Province: _____

Postal code: _____

Make your cheque payable to:

St. James' Church, Save the Bells

6 Hamilton Street, Stratford, Ontario N5A 7P4

NB: Direct withdrawal/Pre-Authorized payment is also available

Or by credit card **Visa** **Master Card**

One time gift of: \$ _____

Monthly gift, amount of: \$ _____

Card No: _____

Expire Date: _____

Signature: _____

**Tax receipt
Issued
for any gift
over \$10.00**

For more information:

Please contact a Bells committee member through the church office: Telephone 519-271-3572

ThankYou!

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