

# The Bells of St Paul's

## The Turners' Company Appeal

### The Master writes:

“The Turners' Company is raising £30,000 for this year's restoration of the bells of St Paul's Cathedral.

Our contribution will continue the long association of the Turners' Company with the bells of St Paul's and help preserve this iconic symbol of the City of London for future generations.

We're asking all Turners to make an exceptional donation commensurate with their means. An amount of £100 - £250 is suggested and we propose to offer special recognition to donations above that band.

The Appeal is through the Turners' Charitable Trust and benefits from Gift Aid.

Thank you for your support.”

### Four of the bells were gifted by the Turners' Company, supported by Honorary Freeman Baroness Angela Burdett-Coutts.

One hundred and forty years ago on All Saints' Day 1878, the twelve bells in the north-west tower of St Paul's Cathedral were dedicated and rung for the first time.



This year is only the third occasion in their history that the bells have been silent for any length of time.

However, the towers of St Paul's will not be entirely quiet during the restoration. The clock bells, including Great Tom in the south-west tower, will continue

to sound, as will the original service bell which dates from 1700.

The ceremony of rededicating the bells will be coordinated by St Paul's in conjunction with all the fund-raising organisations. When confirmed, details of this historic event will be provided to Turners' Company members.

In addition to the Turners' Company, the restoration is also being funded by many other generous donations. These include: gifts from the Corporation of the City of London; the six other livery companies who also gave the bells; bell ringing charities; and individual bell ringers, including the Cathedral's own company.

This year, at the foundry of John Taylor & Co in Loughborough, where they were originally cast, the bells will be cleaned to remove a thick layer of grime and fitted with new moving parts.

During the bells' restoration, the timber bell frame will be strengthened to preserve it for many more years. The ringing room, where the bell ringers stand, will be fitted with better lighting. The historic records of the peals that have been rung at significant moments in history will also be restored.

### How to support this historic appeal:

- Online through the Turners' Charitable Trust page for this appeal. Search for 'Turners Bells' at [www.mydonate.bt.com](http://www.mydonate.bt.com)
- By making a bank transfer to the Turners' Charitable Trust: Sort code 20-32-37 Account: 70988774. Please identify that your donation is for 'WCT Bells'
- By sending a cheque made out to: 'Turners' Charitable Trust (St Paul's Bells)' to: The Clerk, The Turners' Company, Skinners' Hall, 8 Dowgate Hill, London EC2R 2SP

