

Turnastone Church

Restoration of the Historic Tenor Bell

The historic tenor bell in the belfry was resting on a beam, is cracked and has not been rung in living memory. It is believed to have been cast in about 1520, and so is now **500 years old**. The Parochial Church Council has received offers of grants from several funding charities to repair and restore the bell to celebrate its half millennium. Funders usually insist on matching funds from local sources as a condition for offering grants towards projects of this type. For this reason the PCC is seeking pledges from local people and organisations to achieve the matching funding.

If you would like the sound of the historic bell to ring out again across The Golden Valley, perhaps for the first time in a century, it would be very much appreciated if you would contribute to the appeal. Up to £4,000 needs to be raised. Your donation can be enhanced by Gift Aid if you pay income tax.

We have been granted a Faculty to proceed with the repair, which will entail lowering the bell and taking it off-site for welding. It will then be reinstated with an electronic chiming mechanism, including the facility to chime the hours.

Update, February 2023: Both bells have now been lowered from the tower and taken away for repairs. The 18th century treble bell will be relocated to an appropriate location to raise funds for our project. We look forward to seeing the historic bell restored and rehung at Turnastone for ongoing and future use, please use the "contact us" button on our website to make your pledge or to donate. There is also an online donation facility at

<https://www.wyedoreparishes.org.uk/Turnastone.htm>



Lowering the treble bell, Feb 2023

