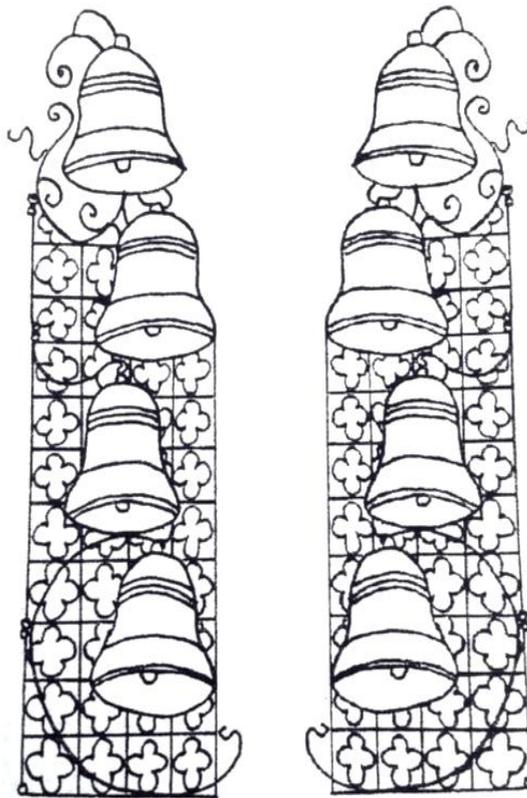


St Lawrence Church Bells, Bourton on the Water

The bells are in the key of F sharp

		cwts	qrs	lbs
No. 1	F#	3	3	18
No. 2	F	4	1	10
No. 3	D#	4	1	17
No. 4	C#	5	1	6
No. 5	B	6	1	20
No. 6	A#	7	0	22
No. 7	G#	9	1	9
Tenor	F#	12	1	12



No.3 Anthony COLLETT Gent my great benefactor A.R. 1718

No.4 AKERMAN and Richard FOX churchwardens 1737

No.5 Thomas LAMBERT Joseph PAYNE churchwardens 1717 recast 1910

No.6 William FOX Giles VENFIELD Anthony COLLETT overseers 1650

No.7 Charles and John RUDHALL Fecit 1783

No.8 Peel of 8 Bells recast and rehung by John Taylor Loughborough 1957

J.K. NETTLEFOLD Rector P.BUCKLE H.E.SPENCER Churchwardens

The inscriptions are as follows:

Nos.1 and 2: 1914 In cherished memory of Lucy, the beloved and devoted wife of Edward UDAL of this parish fell asleep January 1909 buried at Leckhampton

The Carillon & Chimes

were placed in the Tower in 1911. The chimes sound every quarter of an hour; the carillon plays a tune every three hours from 6am to 9pm.

The tunes were obviously congregational favourites at the time and were sung to the following words from the English Hymnal:

SUNDAY	508	We love the place, O God	Tune = Quam Dilecta (6.6.6.6.)
MONDAY	374	Christians, seek not yet repose	Tune = Vigilante (7.7.7.3.)
TUESDAY	280	The sun is sinking fast	Tune = St. Columba (6.4.6.6.)
WEDNESDAY	507	To the name that brings salvation	Tune = Greenville (8.7.8.7.)
THURSDAY	166	Christ is gone up	Tune = St David (C.M.)
FRIDAY	105	Sweet the moments, rich in blessing	Tune = Batty (8.7.8.7.)
SATURDAY	382	Days and moments quickly flying	Tune = St. Sylvester (8.7.8.7.)

In 1957 the bells were recast and rehung, by Messrs John Taylor of Loughborough. The old wooden frame had become warped and shaky; some of the bells were badly worn, and they were very far out of tune. The bell metal was redistributed and recast into eight new bells, which were rehung in an iron frame. At the same time the hammers and wires in the carillon and chimes were renewed. There are four hammers to each of six bells, three for the carillon and one for the chimes, and a striker for tolling the tenor bell. The total cost of all this work was £2,045: £1,762 for recasting and rehunging the bells, £205 for the carillon and chimes, and £78 for builders work, fixing the iron frame in the Tower. The bells were rededicated by the Bishop of Gloucester on Sunday November 22nd, 1957 at Morning Service.

No major work had been undertaken since 1957, so it was decided in 2016 to have a thorough inspection and overhaul in order to ensure the bells are in good order for the next fifty years. The work was appropriately undertaken by Taylor's of Loughborough. The iron frame was rubbed down and repainted and all worn parts were repaired or replaced at a cost of £18,590.