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complete,
our next project is.....

Restoring the clock
from
St. Luke's Church,
Cradley Heath

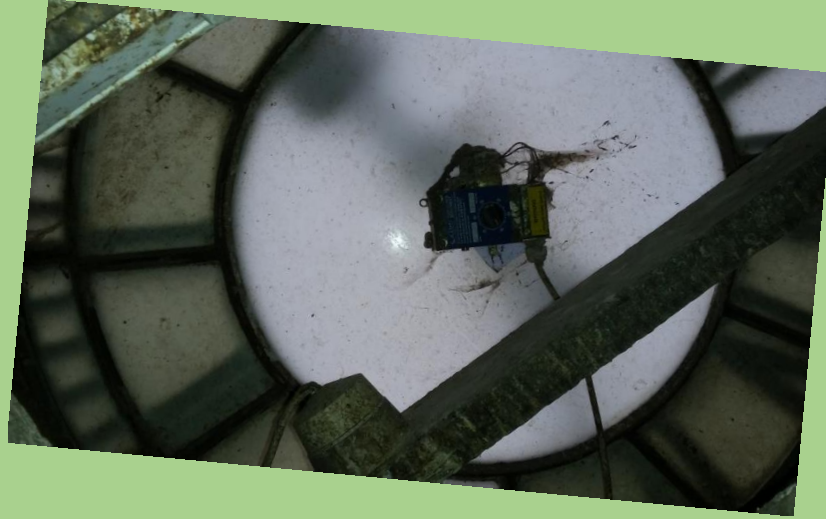


When we knew St. Luke's was going to be lost, we enquired about saving the clock for use at St. Peter's.



When the tower was built in 1875 a space was left for a clock to be added. Due to lack of funds this has never been done.

Photographs of the clock at St. Luke's.

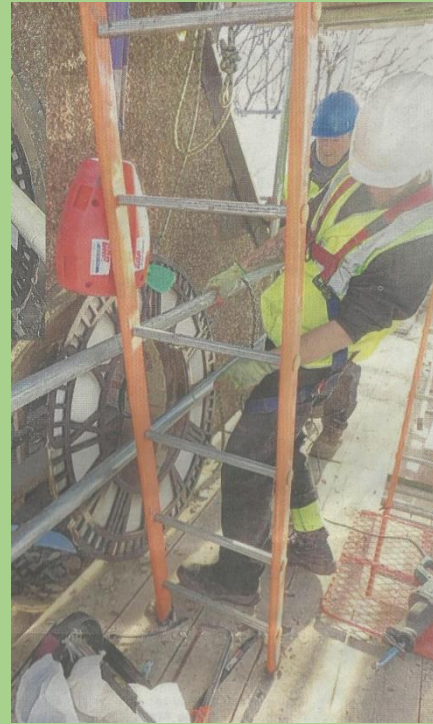




Behind the clock was a 7cwt bell cast by C & G Mears of London in 1846.

This bell was saved and is now at St John's Church, Northington in Hampshire where they have increased the ring of three bells to six using other salvaged bells.





Thanks to the help of Luke Perry and the demolition contractors, the clock was removed in November 2016 and transported to St Peter's.

Unfortunately, when the clock was removed, part of the cast iron dial broke away. All the parts are together with the dial and advice has been sought to confirm that repair is possible.





We would like to restore and repair the clock dial from St. Luke's and place it on the tower at St. Peter's.

The dial would be repainted, gilded with gold leaf and the glass replaced.



We would like to install a replica weathervane and place it on the tower.

The weathervane would be made to this design, painted black and gilded with gold leaf. It will be accompanied by a flagpole in the north-east corner.

The original weathervane and flagpole were removed in the mid 20th century.



There are five parts to our project

1. The restoration and installation of the clock and dial
£8,000.
2. The installation of chimes on the bells
£7,000.
3. Installation of tower floodlighting
£6,000.
4. Manufacture and installation of a replica weathervane £5,000.
5. Installation of a flagpole on the tower
£3,000.
6. Installation of a lightning protection system
£3,000.



How can you help

1. Make a donation of any amount to the Clock Fund.
2. Give us “Just a minute” by sponsoring a minute on the clock for a minimum donation of £10 (you can give more if you like) and tell us in 100 words why that minute is significant to you. We hope to record these in some way for future generations.
3. If you pay tax you can Gift Aid your donation which allows us to claim an extra 25p in every pound that you donate. Please ask for a Gift Aid form.

Help us to restore this clock for the people of Cradley!

TIMELY MOVE TO GIVE CHURCH SALVAGED CLOCK



Rev Katryn Leclezio, right, with Christine Adshead, Paul Millward and Simon Davies with the clock set for St Peter's Church in Cradley

A CHURCH is set to be given a new lease of life, thanks to a donation from a neighbouring place of worship.

Renovations at St Peter's Church in Church Road, Cradley, have been made possible thanks to St Luke's in Reddal Hill, which is being demolished.

The tower clock has been salvaged, as well as the organ blower and fan, items St Peter's has been without since they broke in 2011.

Rev Katryn Leclezio has welcomed the move but said replacing the 250kg organ blower will not be an easy – or cheap – process.

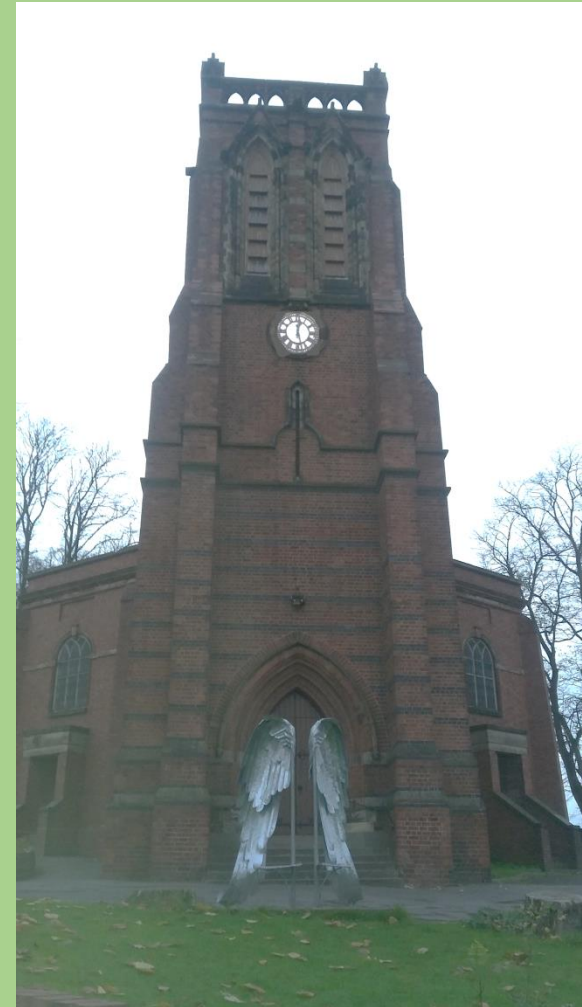
It will need to be lifted about 24ft and pulled through a hatch into the loft of the church, while work will also have to be done on the electrics.

The clock needs some repair work to its glass. The church hopes it can be linked

with the current ring of eight bells so that it chimes at the correct times and can be illuminated at night.

To cover the cost of the work, the church has launched a Crowdfunding campaign. "We are appealing to the many people who live locally to help us raise the money to restore this piece of our heritage," said Rev Leclezio.

The church also needs at least £7,000 to refurbish the 1933 Compton Pipe Organ.



Thank You!