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Stuart Elliott,
Y Ficerdy,
Vicarage Road,
Betws-y-Coed,
LL24 0AD

Dear Stuart,

Betwys y Coed, St Mary: Proposed Bells Project

We are a UK registered charity whose aim is to relocate second-hand and redundant church bells. We were registered in February 1997 after several years of informal operation. Prior to 1997 we found that unless we could arrange for the destination church to immediately pay for redundant bells then an opportunity could be lost and bells needlessly scrapped. Registering as a charity allowed us raise funds to acquire bells for relocation and put them into storage until such time a project is identified and funds raised by the parish to reimburse us. We have been remarkably successful with over 800 bells relocated or in the process of being relocated. Our policy is to sell bells at cost price and where possible to make donations to receiving churches.

We are offering to fund the removal of the ring of eight bells from the closing church of St John the Divine, Portmadog.

Our trustees have resolved to consider the removal costs a donation to your potential project providing that the Church in Wales offer the Porthmadog bells, fittings and bell-frame free of charge to St Mary, Betwys y Coed by 31st December 2023. Ideally we would like Betwys y Coed PCC to pay for the removal of Porthmadog bells as part of the Bells project. You should be able to reclaim the VAT element of the removal costs with the Listed Places of Worship grant scheme. The Keltek Trust is not VAT registered and consequently we are unable to reclaim the VAT.

A condition of our offer is that we approve the price and selected contractor for the removal. All the Bell hangers/founders listed on the following web page are considered approved contractors:

<https://www.keltektrust.org.uk/bellhangers.html>

We are aware that St Mary's PCC have yet to consider the bell installation project and that a Faculty will be required. At some appropriate point we would appreciate an official acceptance of our offer and it may be qualified with "Subject to faculty and fund-raising". We look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Yours sincerely,

David J Kelly
Secretary

Enclosed:

Porthmadog – bell details

List of approved Contractors

List of Rings & Chimes acquired or removal funded by the Keltek Trust