

# The Ringers' Project (2020)

Here is an update on the project to improve the tower and bells at St George's: The Ringers' Project.

- emergency lighting for the stairs and ringing chamber
- new leaded windows in the ringing chamber
- electrical upgrade to allow electric heating
- replacing the acoustic flooring in the bell chamber
- painting the steel bell frame

We have completed the emergency lighting in 2019 and, with a grant from GCG Environment Trust, the windows have been replaced (May 2020). Now with the generous donations from the bellringers, the Stone family USA (Society for the Preservation of Ancient Churches) and recent memorial donations, we are in sight of being able to complete the whole project. We will however need another £5,000 from grants, donations, and fund-raising.

Our ringers are usually out of sight but they are not out of mind! We look forward to refurbishing the ringing chamber, the bell chamber, and the tower steps, to mark our appreciation of our bellringers. We hope that the ringers will be safe and comfortable when they ring at Great Bromley Church for years to come.



Two of the three new windows in the ringing chamber



One of the new casements



Close-up of the new opening mechanism, showing a range of positions to ventilate the chamber



The tower stairs are over five hundred years old! Twelve of the steps are worn and need to be cut out by skilled stonemasons and replaced with new stone. We now have the funds thanks to GCG Environment Trust; work will take place this summer.

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## Part 2 : Bell frame and floor

The bell frame (installed in the 1930s) is starting to rust. The insulated floor beneath it is worn and no longer fit for purpose. We shall phase these works in line with funds received. We are consulting the archdeacon as to what permissions are needed and then the PCC for the various approvals.

Photographs to follow...

PCC Secretary  
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