

Some interesting Old Bell Inscriptions

Bells usually have inscriptions cast into them and these can give fascinating insight into the past

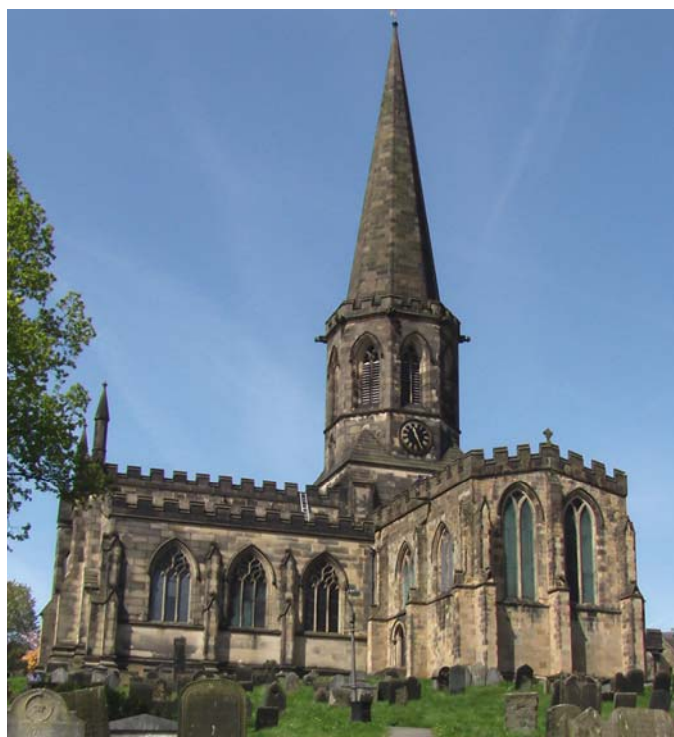
All Saints', Bakewell, Derbyshire (1796, Thomas Mears)

Treble

**When I begin our merry din
This band I lead from discord free;
And for the fame of human name
Every leader copy me.**

Fifth:

**Thro' Grandsires and Triples
With pleasure men range,
Till Death calls the Bob
And brings on the last change.**



Tenor:

**Possess'd of deep sonorous tone,
This belfry king sits on his throne;
And when the merry bells go round
Adds to and fellows ev'ry sound;**

**So in a just and well pois'd state
Where all degrees possess due weight,
One greater power, one greater tone
Is ceded to improve their own.**

Bridlington Priory (1558, now recast)

Treble:

**To songs of praise, to wake ye village rounde :
For light restored, is heard my silver sound.**

Second:

**Nor joy nor grief employs my peaceful voice,
Mine 'tis in consort only to rejoice.**

Third:

**To speak a parting soul is given to me,
Be trimm'd thy lamp, as if I toll'd for thee.**