

## DRINKSTONE BELLS: Project Update, 18<sup>th</sup> March 2025.

A lot has happened in the past few weeks! On Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February work began on the final phase of our project when the Taylor's bell hanger arrived to begin the installation work of the new support beams, bell frame, bells and fittings. These all arrived from the foundry on a lorry on the Wednesday and the bells were put on display in the church. An Open Afternoon on the Saturday allowed residents to view the bells: they were beautifully decorated by the church flower team ready for the 'Blessing of the Bells' service the next day. It was lovely to see so many people at this rather rare and unusual service.



On Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March, the six new bells were lifted from the church floor and safely installed in the bell frame at the top of the tower, their new home for many decades to come. All the fittings were then added over the next couple of days: clappers, wheels, pulleys, runners, sliders, stays and ropes.



Finally, on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March we were able to ring the whole peal together for the first time, a truly momentous day in the life of the restoration project. They sounded wonderfully bright and tuneful, and handled superbly.

There is still more work to do behind the scenes over the next few weeks, but we are delighted that bells can once again ring out over our village from All Saints' church tower.