

Steeple Keeper's Report: Academical Year, 2000 – 2001

St. Andrew the Great

This year has seen major work at St. Andrew's. Aided by R. A. Smith and Dr. C. M. P. Johnson, the clappers and ground pulleys were removed for re-bushing and re-conditioning (respectively) at the works of White's of Appleton at the end of Michaelmas Term. Dr. J. C. G. Sturdy generously moved the various parts to Whites. The clappers and ground pulleys were re-installed by Whites' bell-hanger, again with the assistance of local labour, during the Christmas Vacation.

It should be noted that this use of Guild labour saved a considerable sum of money. The work was funded by the Guild and the Church to the extent of one moiety each.

However, the bell-hanger reported that the main bearings on certain bells were beginning to deteriorate. It appeared that they would require major attention within the next few years.

St. Bene't's

The Guild has undertaken no work at St. Bene't's. I wish to express my thanks to Dr. J. Shanklin for his efforts in maintaining the bells in such good order.

The Church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs

Aside from routine opening and closing of sound-control shutters, no work has been undertaken at this church.