

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

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From the Guild Treasurer: Chris FitzGerald
The Penthouse, 22-24 St Andrews Street, Northampton NN1 2HY

Dear P.C.C Treasurer, Diocese of Peterborough

Subscription to the Affiliation Scheme for 2023

After a 3 year gap I am requesting your parish to restart your support for our Bell Fund Scheme for the restoration and improvement of bells throughout the Diocese by subscribing to the Affiliation Scheme for 2023. I would like to thank the Diocese for delivering this request through their email system.

Hopefully your financial situation in 2023 is recovering after the ravages of Covid. The contributions made by the parishes to our Bell Fund which, together with the money raised by other Guild efforts throughout the Diocese, provide a source for grants, supported by our advice. The total raised for the fund in 2019 amounted to £7,838. Grants of £3,910 were paid in 2020, £870 in 2021 and £7,235 in 2022 with a further £15,500 authorised for 2023. This will create a total of approximately £50,000 over the last 6 years. We expect the demand for restoration and repair projects to increase over the "return to ringing" phase following the COVID pandemic. Please see the Bell Fund page on our website at www.pdg.org.uk for information on our grant activities. Additionally, we have a Training Fund which supports training in the art of bellringing which is helping ringers gain confidence on their return.

The amount given by the parishes to the Affiliation Scheme represents the largest single contribution to the Bell Fund, and we are most grateful for the support of the parishes that subscribed a total of £4,325 for 2019, £2,815 for 2020 and £405 for 2022 with the donations ranging up to £200. The Guild is delighted and greatly encouraged by the continued support and especially welcomes those parishes that joined the scheme for the first time.

There are many demands made on church finances and we are acutely aware of the reduction in donations that you have experienced due to COVID closures of the churches. We appeal to you to help us in our work to support the ministry with bells infrastructure. We would be grateful if you could spare a subscription of £20 or more. As an alternative to posting a paper copy of our Certificate to display as a token of our appreciation we shall be pleased to send you an electronic version, if you provide an e-mail address. This will save postage costs and further enhance the fund.

Guild Officers are always ready to answer questions or to speak about our work.

If you would prefer to minimise your own postage and bank charges by using a Bank to Bank Transfer rather than posting a cheque, our account is with Lloyds - sort code 30-94-68 with account no. 00494829, please provide your parish name as the reference and the key word "Affiliation". Please let me know that you have paid electronically by e-mail at treasurer@pdg.org.uk or by text to 07761 180369 and confirm if you would like a certificate.

The financial challenge is considerable, and your assistance is much appreciated.

Yours sincerely

Chris FitzGerald

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To Chris FitzGerald, Guild Treasurer, The Penthouse, 22-24 St Andrews Street, Northampton NN1 2HY
I enclose the 2023 Affiliation Subscription of £ _____

please make cheques payable to "PDG Bell Fund" or Bank Transfer to 30-94-68 account 00494829

For the Parish of _____
Name: _____
Address: _____
Email: _____
Telephone: _____

Please indicate if you require a certificate of affiliation YES / NO (Please circle)