

PRAYER FOR BLESSING OF THE BELLS

GREAT BRICKHILL, SUNDAY 18th APRIL 2010

The newly restored bells were returned to St Mary's, along with the two new bells, on Friday 16th April. They were on display in the church that weekend and the Rector took the opportunity of saying a prayer of blessing for the bells during the service of Holy Communion on Sunday 18th April.

The Rector introduced the prayer by asking the congregation to think about the traditional use of bells:

- warning of danger
- marking times of celebration
- and call to prayer / worship

Creator God,

*We give you thanks for all the giving, fund-raising, grants,
the skills and hard work,
that have brought us to this point.*

*We pray for all those who will work here to re-hang the bells,
and we pray for all our bell-ringers.*

*Bless us in our use of these bells, (in the life of our church and village)
so that in all we do we may -*

*know your presence with us in times of danger,
know your blessing on us in times of celebration,
and so be drawn to praise and worship you,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*