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My name is Nigel Waters and I am seeking your support to restore the Church bells within the Almondsbury Parish Church. The bells date from 1601 and are rung every Sunday, at least once during the week, many weddings, and on all high days and holidays throughout the year. The ringers are a local group, all from within the Parish who maintain the fabric, skills and art of church bell ringing but now need your support. The bells need major maintenance about every 120 years or so and that time has now arrived, the last significant work was in 1905.

We need to raise about £97,000 to have the bells removed, sent to a foundry, refurbished and then rehung. Within this there is a considerable amount of work required within the tower to allow this to happen, and also to bring the space up to modern standards. This additional work will allow us to operate in safe environment where we ring and teach people inclusive of all ages, genders and without religious definition. The ringing of church bells is a quintessentially English activity which maintains community spirit, encourages young people to contribute and be part of a historic and engaging pastime which may last a lifetime, and maintains our heritage and silks which otherwise would be lost.

This project has started already and has raised approximately £10,000 through the efforts of the ringing band, we now need the businesses within the parish to also support this venture and I am hoping that you will see the value in this project to maintain and enhance the environment in which we all work and live. Please open the attached leaflet which gives more details of the project and includes how you can help.

Please contact me if you have any questions at all, we are always happy to show donors around the church bells and tower, and if possible to demonstrate ringing.