

Archives and bells from the Loughborough Bellfoundry Museum

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Above and right: Spotlight on the archive in *Museum Crush* online magazine

Eight bells



Eight bells for St Paul's church, Burton upon Trent, 1912.

A new set of eight bells cast for St Paul's church, Burton upon Trent, in 1912. These true-harmonic bells replaced an earlier 'old style' octave supplied in 1872 when the church was built. The present tenor (largest bell) weighs 1450kg while the old one was only 1320kg. There are now ten bells, two more – also from Loughborough – having been added in 1922.



A bell being cast in The Loughborough Bellfoundry which is descending into ruin. It was cast for Beverley Minster in 1900 but returned to the foundry after the Minster decided to have an even bigger Bourdon bell, 'Great John', which weighs 7150kg and is the heaviest bell in the British Isles.



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- The Loughborough Bellfoundry, in Leicestershire, has cast over 25,000 bells since it was built in 1859
- Bells were made for Washington National Cathedral in the US capital and the National Carillon in Australia
- Astonishing photographs men working under sweltering conditions to make 15-tonne bells from molten iron

Above and left: The *Daily Mail* features the bellfoundry's amazing photographic archive