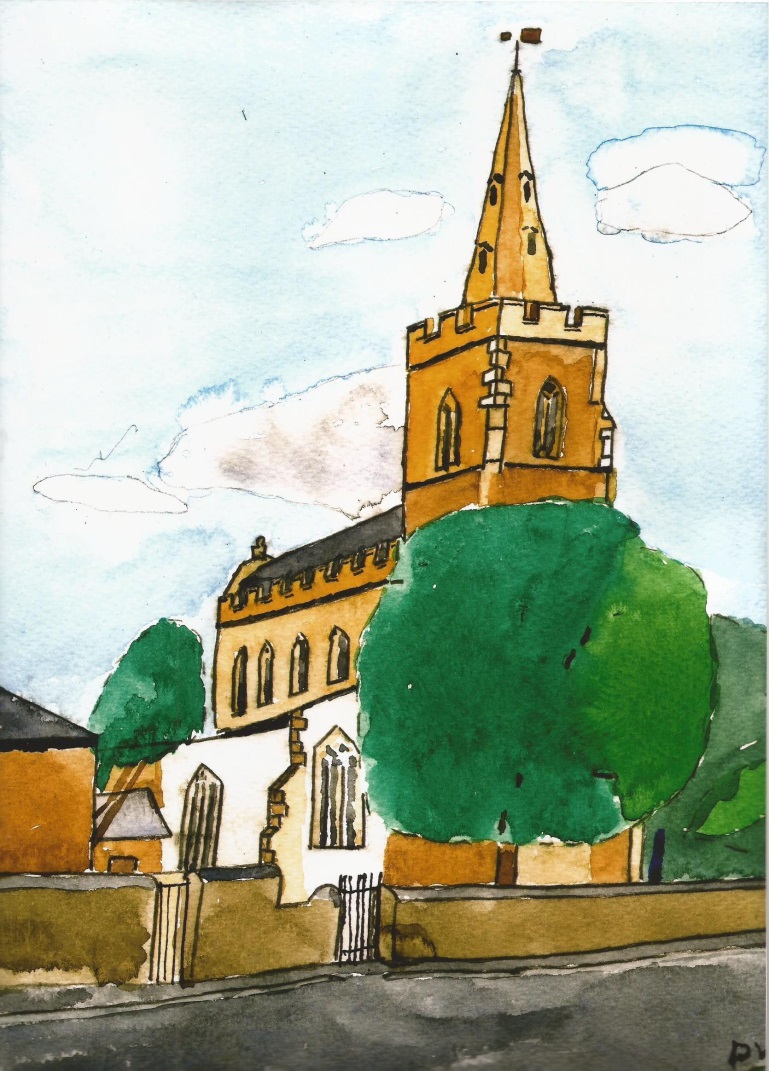
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Landbeach

**All Saints’ Church Landbeach, Cambridgeshire**

**Project to augment from 4 to 6 bells**



*All Saints’ Landbeach - Watercolour by Landbeach Bellringer David Waterhouse*

**All Saints’ Landbeach and its bells**

**at the heart of the village community**

The village of Landbeach is situated on the edge of the fens, 5 miles north of Cambridge on the road to Ely, which is a further 10 miles. The first written references to the village appear in the *Liber Eliensis* dating from about 950 AD. The church was named All Saints at least by 1439.

The Church is listed Grade I. It stands in an important heritage cluster of closely linked buildings. Many improvements have been carried out in recent years to encourage community use of the church. The south aisle was restored in 1980, the north aisle and nave roof in 1983 and the tower and spire in 1985. A North Porch, providing level disabled access and housing a toilet, sink facility and boiler room, were added in 2006. A new and effective heating system was also installed in the church, and at the same time the west end was re-ordered by moving the pews to make a flexible open space for a variety of more informal activities. In 2021 a servery area was created in the north west corner to enhance the use of this area. A Friends group has recently been set up.

With the development of the Waterbeach New Town of some 10,000 houses just two miles away on the site of the Second World War airfield, All Saints’ Church will provide an even more significant and historic feature in the future, with cycle and bus links running through it providing ready access.

The tower contains four bells. The treble and second bells, weighing respectively 5½ and 6½ cwt, were cast in 1619; the third bell, weighing 8 cwt, in 1577. The tenor bell is original, cast between 1510 and 1523 and weighs 11½ cwt. All the bells were restored in 1929. The three smaller bells that had been cracked were recast, and together with the original tenor bell, were rehung in a new frame.

In 1999 the PCC decided to restart bellringing as a Millennium project. Ever since then, the bells have been rung regularly for practices and services by an active band of bellringers. Bellringing has been proven to increase community involvement in All Saints’. The bellringers have always been very committed to the church. They support many church events, such as the Churchyard Maintenance Day and the Pudding Evening. In fact, the bellringers and their families provide a large proportion of the able-bodied members of the church community. Equally, the church has always been committed to bellringing.

The augmentation project, adding two lighter-weight bells, will increase community involvement, through the interest it will generate in the village and by encouraging more people, particularly young people, to learn to ring and to join the band. The project includes further improvement to make the bells easier to ring – improvements in the bell hanging, provision of a rope guide, installation of a training bell.

The total cost of the project is approximately £65,000, of which more than half has already been raised or pledged.

For more information, especially if you would like to support this exciting new project,

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**The Ballad of the Landbeach Bellringers**

*By Landbeach Bellringer Barbara Le Gallez*

There were four strapping ringers

In lovely Landbeach Towne.

They rang those bells right up to the top

And then they rang them down.

And sometimes they went up.

And sometimes they went down.

And sometimes this occurred in peal

And made a merry sound.

Up came two more stout fellows

To pull upon a rope.

"Hurrah! We must buy two more bells.

But how? For we are broke!"

There are some FOALs in Landbeach.

I don't mean horsey kids.

The Friends of All Saints' Landbeach.

They must be very rich!

Dear Friends of All Saints' Landbeach,

We hope you liked our song.

But if you didn't like it,

Well, at least it's not too long.

We hope you get the message

That our performance tells.

It’s "Please give money generously

To augment the Landbeach bells".



*The band and supporters, after ringing for HM The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee celebrations*