
B2

This Bell Given by the Book Table of
Christ Church Cranbrook
to honor 55 years of service
to the People of the Church
AD 2007

A#2

This Bell given to the
Glory of God by
Sarah Allison, Ann Davis
& Clare Kabel
2007

A2

Given to the Parishioners of
Christ Church Cranbrook
By the Memorials & Gifts Committee

G#2

Given to the Parishioners of
Christ Church Cranbrook
By the Memorials & Gifts Committee

G2

With Great Thanksgiving for Our God,
Our Church, Our Family, and
Our Love for Each Other
Pam & Michael Redfield

F2

In Appreciation for the
Music of the Handbells from
Dr. Joseph D. Daniel
By The Rev'd Edward L. Mullins

C2

In Thanksgiving for our
children and grandchildren
and for all God's blessings
Eva and Moufid Mitri

Petit & Fritsen Handbells

Cast in Holland, circa 1930
A Gift of the Diocese of Michigan, 2007
The Right Reverend Wendell N. Gibbs, Jr.
Tenth Bishop of Michigan
Refurbished by a Gift of
Jim and Rose Marie Battey, 2007

Malmark Choirchimes

G3-G7 (four octaves)
In Honor of Horace D'Angelo, my loving husband
and Ethel & Clyde Bowger, my parents
By Eleanor D'Angelo
2006

Malmark Choirchimes

G2-F#3; G#7-C8 (fifth & sixth octave)
A Gift of the
Episcopal Church Women of
Christ Church Cranbrook
AD 2007



Christ Church Cranbrook Music Department

The Handbells of Christ Church Cranbrook

The Handbell Dedications

The Rev'd Edward L. Mullins, Rector
John Repulski, Director of Music & Organist
Dr. Joseph D. Daniel, Music Associate & Carillonneur

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A Brief History of the Christ Church Cranbrook Handbell Program

CHRIST CHURCH CRANBROOK has a very long and rich history of handbells. With the purchase of the original five-octaves from Malmark Bellfoundry, Inc. in 1982, Christ Church Cranbrook paved the way for more than twenty years of handbell successes.

Many great musicians have lead The Cranbrook Ringers, and the three ensembles heard today are the result of an amazing renaissance to the bell program. Dr. Joseph D. Daniel was hired to be the Music Associate & Carillonneur in February 2007 and brought with himself an amazing energy and love for the instrument. Dr. Daniel's enthusiasm to have a great bell program was equaled by John Repulski, Director of Music, Dr. Leslie McNamara, then Senior Warden, Mrs. Clare Cabel and the Reverend Edward L. Mullins, Rector. Together, these five individuals worked to achieve a momentous goal – expanding Christ Church Cranbrook's handbells to six octaves. Amazingly enough, that is not the end of this fairy tale story.

Fueled by the excitement generated by the purchase of bells, more than twenty people signed up to join the handbell choir, and for the past year, three ensembles have rehearsed regularly.

During the past six months, the members of the ensembles have worked together to add nearly another octave of bells bringing the grand total of bronze handbells to 83 – nearly seven octaves of bells. This makes Christ Church Cranbrook the largest handbell choir in the state of Michigan and one of only a handful throughout the country to boast this range.

Augmenting the musical resources of the handbells are silver, tube-like instruments called choirchimes. Through the generosity of the Episcopal Church Women, Christ Church Cranbrook was able to expand its choirchime range to six octaves, matching one choirchime for each handbell.

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| F#5 In Loving Memory of Jean Thompson Beresford | F5 In Memory of J. William Duhn |
| D5 In Memory of Bernard J. Muenk | C#5 In Thankfulness for Chris |
| A#4 Elizabeth W. Bailey | A4 In Memory of Alexandra Abiadal |
| F#4 In Loving Memory of Jean Thompson Beresford By Her Many Loving Friends | F4 In Memory of Theo Dale Bottomly |
| D4 In Loving Memory of Bernard J. Muenk | C#4 In Thanksgiving for Don |
| B3 In Thanksgiving For George & Anice Griffith & Bertha Raines by Grandson Charles Raines | A#3 In Memory of William S. Gray |
| G3 In Loving Memory of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Churchill Gilbert By Their Daughter Mary Flint | F#3 In Loving Memory of William Robert Wolf, Sr. By His Family |
| D#3 In Thanksgiving by The J. Leif Eareckson Family | D3 In Loving Memory of Bernard J. Muenk |
| C3 In Thanksgiving by The J. Leif Eareckson Family | |

G#5

Nancy Trumbell Seibert

G5In Celebration of Marriage
Amy Hackett & David Palmer

E5In Memory of
Naha Mitri Nahas**D#5**In Loving Memory of
Jean Thompson Beresford
By Her Many Loving Friends

C5In Thanksgiving By
The Sinclair J. Harcus Family**B4**

Karl D. Bailey

G#4

George Titus Trumbull

G4In Memory of
Ione Sherman

E4In Memory of
Mildred Bottomley**D#4**In Loving Memory of
Jean Thompson Beresford
By Her Many Loving Friends

C4For Our Loving Children
Douglas, Scott, and Julie
By Mr. & Mrs. Thomas D. Meyers**B3**...The Peace of the Lord...
Alison M. Rogers, Landon K. Tichenor
& Heather M. Halsey

A3In Memory of
Harold E. Gray**G#3**

Florine Elliott Trumbull

F3In Memory of
Brian Bota**E3**In Loving Memory of
George V. Booth

C#3In Thankfulness
For Bill

Humorously enough, with the most recent purchase of bells, the choir-chimes now lag behind their bronze counterparts once again.

Finally, and probably more interesting than anything else in our handbell program, is a three-octave set of handbells cast by the Dutch firm, Petit & Fritsen. These bells were gifted to St. Martha's, Detroit, presumably by the Ford family; upon the closure of St. Martha's, the Diocese of Michigan gifted them to Christ Church Cranbrook. Through a gift from Rose Marie and Jim Battey, these bells were refurbished and are now a staple in the music ministry at Christ Church Cranbrook.

In the fall, the handbell program will continue its growth with the creation of *Joyful Ringers*, a chime choir for children in grades 1 -5. A joint effort between Christian Education and Music, this new ensemble is promising to be equally as successful as our other three handbell choirs.

The Cranbrook Ringers with H. Dean Wagner



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Nationally-known handbell composer and clinician, H. Dean Wagner, visited Christ Church Cranbrook and conducted the Cranbrook Ringers in two selections during worship on Sunday, April 20, 2008.

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| C9 Given in Appreciation of the Music Ministry of Christ Church Cranbrook by Scott Hardy | B8 In Loving Memory of our Parents Karla and Tim Miller | A#8 For the Acolyte Service of Matthew and Stephen Kehres by Bob Kehres and Marsha Woods | A8 ...and I will raise them up on the last day...Christ Church Cranbrook ~ March 2008 | G#8 In loving memory of our Grandparents Chris and Mark Torres |
| G8 To the Glory of God & To Honor the Cranbrook Ringers By Joseph D. Daniel | F#8 <i>Soli Deo Gloria</i> | F8 To Honor the Acolyte Service of Lily and Andy McNamara At Christ Church Cranbrook | E8 Given by the CCC Book Table to Honor 55 years of service ~ 2007 | D#8 Given by the CCC Book Table to Honor 55 years of service ~ 2007 |
| D8 Given by the CCC Book Table to Honor 55 years of service ~ 2007 | C#8 Given by the CCC Book Table to Honor 55 years of service ~ 2007 | C8 In Joyful Thanks For the Lives of Jean and Ed Beresford and Inez and Elmer Sylvester | B7 In Memory Selina Gardiner Keeton and David Keeton | A#7 In Memoriam Nellie Clatworthy Widdifield |
| A7 In Memoriam The Rev. Canon James G. Widdifield | G#7 Elliott Arthur Trumbull | G7 In Honor of Mr. & Mrs. Harold E. Netzer and Mrs. And Mrs. Lawrence E. Hartwig | F#7 In Loving Memory of Jean Thompson Beresford By Her Many Loving Friends | F7 In Heartfelt Thanks For All God's Blessings Janet and John Gilmer |
| E7 In Memory of Bernard J. Muenk | D#7 In Memory of Joseph John Kennedy, Sr. | D7 Ronald and Joan West in Thanksgiving For the Life of Our Daughter, Julie Marie West | C#7 The Gilrays | C7 In Loving Memory of David Rittenhouse Burton |
| B6 In Loving Memory of Jean Thompson Beresford By Her Many Loving Friends | A#6 In Memory of Miriam Deming Kice Altar Guild – Book Table | A6 In Memory of Murray Stancliffe Kice, Jr. Vestry – Building and Grounds | G#6 George Titus Trumbell, Jr. | G6 In Memory of A.O. Palm |
| F#6 In Memory of Brian Bota | F6 | E6 In Memory of Loved Ones Pat and David Sparrow | D#6 In Loving Memory of Jean Thompson Beresford By Her Many Loving Friends | D6 In Loving Memory of Jean Thompson Beresford By Her Many Loving Friends |
| C#6 In Thankfulness For Zanne | C6 In Thanksgiving The Duane Miller Family | B5 In Loving Memory of Jean Thompson Beresford By Her Many Loving Friends | A#5 In Thanksgiving The Cameron Buchanan Family | A5 Let the "A" Sound for G. B. O'Grady, Beverly Buchanen, and Carol Jickling Lens |