

Saturday 19th August



After breakfast our first ringing will be in scenic **Llangollen** on the 16 cwt eight of **St Collen**. The church has a beautiful carved oak ceiling, installed in 1450. The current tower replaced an original wooden one in 1749. The bells were installed in the year of Queen Victoria's golden jubilee 1887, and are another complete ring of eight by Taylor's. Regent St, LL20 8HL

St Giles, Wrexham has a 24cwt ring of ten bells by Rudhall, 1726, and overhauled in 1955 by Taylors. The church is a Grade 1 listed building, and is the largest mediaeval parish church in Wales. The richly-decorated tower, 135-feet high was begun in 1506. It has many medieval carvings including those of an arrow and a deer, the attributes of Saint Giles. The nave arcade is in the decorated style, and dates from the 14th century, the remainder of the church is in the late perpendicular style, and includes an unusual polygonal chancel. Church St, LL13 8LS



After lunch, our ringing finishes at **All Saints**, in the former coal mining village of **Gresford**. The bells are one of the Seven Wonders of Wales, listed it is said for the purity of their tone (surprising as they are a mixture of Warner, Rudhall and Mears dating variously from 1775 to 1875), and the church itself is remarkable for its size, beauty, interior church monuments, and its churchyard yew trees. The church is unusual in having TWO rings of bells, the 24cwt eight, and a

light six of 4³/₄ cwt by Whitechapel (the back four) and Taylors, completed in 2014. The Green, LL12 8RG.



"Cumbrian Codgers" North Wales Ringing Trip 17th-19th August 2017

At a glance.....

Thursday 17th

Buckley St Matthew	8 bells 14cwt	12.30-13.30
Lunch		
Mold St Mary	8 bells 10cwt	15.00-16.00
Northop Ss Eurgain & Peter	8 bells 13cwt	16.30-17.30

Friday 18th

Bodelwyddan St Margaret	8 bells 14cwt	10.00-11.00
Rhyl St Thomas	8 bells 17cwt	11.30-12.30
Lunch		
Abergele St Michael	6 bells 9cwt	14.30-15.30
Llandudno Holy Trinity	8 bells 15cwt	16.00-17.00

Dinner, probably in Llandudno area.

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Llangollen St Collen	8 bells 16cwt	10.00-11.00
Wrexham St Giles	10 bells 24cwt	12.00-13.00
Lunch		
Gresford All saints	8 bells 24cwt & 6 bells, 4cwt	15.00-16.00

.... and home.

Thursday 17th August



St Matthew's, Buckley is a Commissioners church, built in 1822, and the only one in Wales to be funded from the first parliamentary grant. Much of the subsequent additions & restorations were paid for by the daughter of WE Gladstone, who was married to the vicar of the time, Canon Drew. The eight bells are a complete John Taylor ring of 14½ cwt from 1902. 114 Church Rd, CH7 3JN

After lunch, we move on to **St Mary's, Mold**. The church has historical associations with the Stanley family, Earls of Derby and displays their heraldic symbols, which include the Eagle and Child and the Three Legs of Man. The current church is a fine grade 1 listed building in the perpendicular style, having had a major restoration in 1853-56 by Sir George Gilbert Scott. The tower houses 8 bells with a tenor of 10¼ cwt, 2-6 date from 1732 by Abraham Rudhall, and the treble, 7 & 8 were added in 2005, cast by Eisjbouts. Church Rd, CH7 6BP.



Northop is perhaps best known for its acclaimed silver band, which has played at venues including the Liverpool Philharmonic Hall, St. David's Hall, Cardiff and the Royal Albert Hall. The church of **St Eurgain** (daughter of St Asaph) is said to have been founded by her, and is sited on an old Celtic mound. Its 98ft high tower dominates the village and was completed in 1571. The present grade 1 listed building was extensively rebuilt during 1840, with further alterations being carried out in 1877. The churchyard still houses the old 16th century grammar school. The 8 bells are a complete Mears ring of 11½ cwt, the back six dating from 1891, trebles added in 1895. Church Rd / Northop Rd CH7 6BQ.



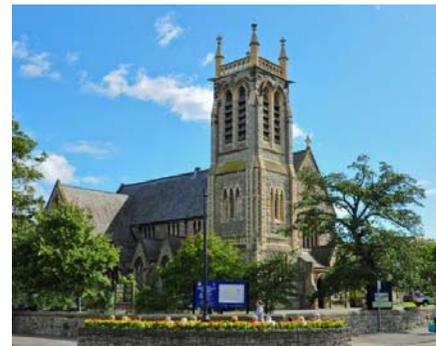
Friday 18th August

St Margaret's, Bodelwyddan is known as the Marble Church – you will see why when we visit. Its fine spire can be seen for miles around, rising 202ft high. It was erected by Lady Margaret Willoughby de Broke in memory of her husband, 16th Baron Willoughby de Broke, between 1856 & 1860 at a cost £60,000 (history doesn't record whether she was broke by the end). The two stained glass windows in the tower feature St Margaret and St Kentigern. The 8 bells are by Mears, 1860 & 1872 with a 14¼ cwt tenor. 19 Tirionfa, LL18 5UR.



St Thomas, Rhyl, is another complete Taylor ring of eight, all from 1876, with a tenor weighing 17 cwt. The church is high Victorian gothic, the architect being Sir George Gilbert Scott. It was built next to Holy Trinity as that was seen to be inadequate for a growing seaside town, and was completed in 1867 although the tower was only finished in 1875. Russel Rd, LL18 3LW.

After lunch we continue to **Abergele**. The church of **St. Michael** has a 9cwt ring of six, the oldest bell (Rudhall 1730) is the 2 and the other 5 by Taylors between 1844-1895. Parts of the church date from 14thC but it was restored in 1858 and again in 1878/9 into its present gothic form. Church St SH9 7NW.



Our day along the North Wales coast ends at **Llandudno**. **Holy Trinity** church has a ring of 8 by Taylors dating from 1892 which were extensively overhauled by Whites of Appleton in 2002. The tenor weighs 15¼ cwt. The "neo-gothic" church augmented the smaller St George's as the population grew in the 1800s; it was completed in 1872 and the tower added in 1892. It became the parish church in 2002 when St George's was closed. Trinity Sq, LL30 2PY.