

## **Bray, Christ Church**

The story of the bells in Christ Church, Bray starts in the late 19th century, when the Prime Minister of Great Britain, William Gladstone, was visiting the Earl of Meath at his Kilruddery Estate. It is reported that Mr Gladstone said that such a fine steeple should not stand silent, and donated £50 towards obtaining some bells.

Shortly after this Taylor's of Loughborough were asked to cast a ring of 8 bells for the tower at a cost of £400. These were installed in the winter of 1880/1881. The frame was repaired in 1950, and the bells rehung.

Although Gabriel Lindoff's home tower was St. Patrick's Cathedral, he was none the less a big asset to this tower. This includes conducting the very first Peal rung here, which was Plain Bob Triples, in December 1900.

Another key figure at this time was the Reverend Digby Scott, who was president of the Bray society. Along with Gabriel Lindoff, he was also one of the founder members of the Association.

### **Bell Weights & Inscriptions**

<https://dove.cccbr.org.uk/detail.php?tower=16708>