

## Christ Church Lurgan

About the year 1875, James Ussher, Solicitor, Partner in the firm Ussher and Watson, Lurgan, decided to be responsible for the collecting of funds to provide a ring of eight bells for the Church of Christ the Redeemer, Shankill Parish Lurgan. His task was a hard one. Work at the time was very scarce, and money difficult to come by. People were critical saying it was inopportune to start such a fund, but he went ahead, writing to former parishioners, newspapers, etc.

In 1876 a very big effort to complete the scheme must have been made. In Samuel White's monthly 'Advertiser' for the November of the year we read, "James Ussher the indefatigable Honorary Secretary and Treasurer of the Lurgan Peal of Bells Committee, has succeeded in collecting about £600 in the parish within the past few weeks. We congratulate Mr Ussher on his success so far and hope to be able to announce in our next issue that he has finished his voluntary collecting campaign in a manner satisfactory to himself and lovers of campanology."

### Bell Weights & Inscriptions

Below are the weights of Christ Church (Shankill) bells Lurgan

	CWTS	QRS	LBS	Dimension	Founders
Treble	5	3	4	29 ½"	Taylor
2	6	0	9	30 ½"	Taylor
3	6	1	7	32 ½"	Taylor
4	7	2	17	34 ½"	Taylor
5	9	0	2	37 ½"	Taylor
6	10	2	9	39 ½"	Taylor
7	13	3	11	43 ½"	Taylor
Tenor	21	2	4	49 ½"	Taylor

This peal was purchased with funds collected by James Ussher 1877

Below are the inscriptions of Christ Church (Shankill) bells Lurgan

Treble	Presented by the Children of the Parish
2	Presented by the Ladies of the Parish
3	John Taylor & Sons, Loughborough 1877
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6	John Taylor & Sons, Loughborough 1877
7	Gloria in Excelsis Deo
Tenor	Rev Theophilus Campbell D.D Rector James Malcolm J.P } Courtney Johnston } Churchwardens 1877