

The Guild Church of St Dunstan-in-the-West

186a Fleet Street, London EC4A 2HR



CLOCK RESTORATION APPEAL

REGISTERED CHARITY NO 1203990

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Can you help us to raise £2500 to repair our famous
“ Giants of St Dunstan’s Clock”

History

The clock was commissioned and purchased for £35 from Thomas Harrys in 1671. It was the first public clock in London to have a minute hand and a rare example of mechanical archaeology. The spectacle of the mythical giants striking the bells with their clubs became a notable attraction on Fleet Street often drawing large crowds. The clock has inspired many leading literary figures who have referenced it in their work, the most noteworthy being John Brown’s School Days, The Vicar of Wakefield as well as Barnaby Rudge and David Copperfield by Charles Dickens. Just before the demolition and rebuilding of the present church in 1832 the clock was sold to the Marquis of Hertford who had admired it since he was a boy. He subsequently installed it in the garden of his house near Regents Park where it remained for the next 100 years.

In 1935 as a gift to the church the newspaper publisher Lord Rothermere arranged for the clock to be returned to St Dunstan’s in celebration of the silver jubilee of King George V.

Project

The clock comprises of two parts which work in conjunction with each other. These are a large two sided clock dial on a projecting bracket and housed above in an alcove two life sized mechanical carved figures of giants each holding a club. On the hour the giants strike the two bells in front them with their clubs and turn their heads. Currently the giants have been out of action for the past eleven months.

To restore the clock and mechanical giants back to full working order again, the modern motor mechanism that now drives the wire pulley system which give the giants their movement is in need of replacement. To facilitate this associated fitting and servicing works are also required. The giants also need to undergo a thorough cleaning to remove a thick layer of London grime that has accumulated.

How to Donate

There are many ways to donate to help support the clock restoration appeal:

1 . QR CODE Scan the QR Code and complete online



2. Bank Transfer

Please make any donations to the following account details:

Account name: St Dunstan in the West

Bank name: C. Hoare & Co

Sort code: 15-99-00

Account number: 65190080

Quote ref Clock 25.

3.Cheque

Please make your cheque out to '**St. Dunstan in the West**' and send to

The Administrator

St Dunstan-in-the-West

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4. Cash by using the envelopes at the back of the church and place in the donation box

5. By card via the machine at the back of the church

Please complete a Gift Aid Declaration overleaf if you are a tax payer.

This allows us to claim back and additional £0.25 on every £1 given

Guild Church of St Dunstan-in-the-West / Charity Gift Aid Declaration

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