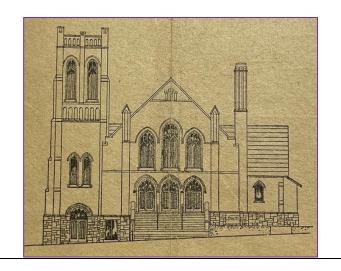
## THE BELLS OF ST. JOHN'S





On Easter Sunday, April 20, 1924, the St. John's neighborhood was treated to the melodious music of a carillon of 10 bells. The 3<sup>rd</sup> St. John's church included a belltower, but funds for the bells were unavailable when the building opened

In March 1924, thanks to donations from parishioners, T.W. Chadburn and A.A. Jackson, the bells were purchased from the bell foundry of Gillett and Johnston in Croyden, England.

## CARILLON OF BELLS WILL RING ON EASTER

St. John's Anglican Church, West Toronto, Installing Chimes

## TO BE DEDICATED APRIL 27

A carillon of bells will ring out for the first time on Easter Sunday from St. John's Anglican Church, West Toronto, of which Rev. R. MacNamara is rector.

The Globe, March 31, 1924

The first ringing of St. John's bells was big news, *The Globe* reporting other churches congratulated St. John's rector

## MELODIOUS CHIMES RING OUT DOXOLOGY

New St. John's Anglican Church Scene of Interesting Ceremony

CANON CODY PREACHES

West Toronto is the richer for the beautiful chime of bells installed in the tower of St. John's Anglican Church. At their dedication yester-

The Globe, April 28, 1924



St. John's 10-bell carillon remained a distinctive feature of its Humberside home, and of the city, for many years.

The popularity of St.
John's bells peaked in
1974. The Bloor West
Villager included a
feature, "Bells Are
Ringing!" with news
that "Carillon bells will
fill the air as West
Toronto's only carillon
will celebrate its
anniversary of
installation at St.
John's Anglican
Church, West Toronto,
this September."

By the late 1990s, the bells no longer rang due to weakening support structures and were ultimately sold to the diocese as heritage items and removed in May 2005

