A message from St. Mary's Clock

Hallo, I am St. Mary's Clock and I haven't been feeling well since before Christmas. Friends said that I needed regulating but this proved not to be the case so a specialist from Cumbria Clocks – they are the people who are looking after Big Ben – called and said that the situation was serious and I would have to go into hospital in Cumbria. There is no NHS for clocks and the quotation is for £8,256 including VAT.

I have been serving the people of Bexley since 1836 and really want to continue doing so. My hands have been set at 12.00, which is the correct thing to do, but now I am only saying the right time once every 12 hours. Meeting the charge for my stay in Cumbria would cost £230 a second or £1,376 a minute. Any donation would be very welcome. The church is open to visitors most Saturday mornings when donations may be left there or may be sent to our Churchwarden, Miss Mary Andrews at 43 Wansunt Road, Bexley, DA5 2DH or our Treasurer, Mrs Christine Lee at 11 Holmesdale Road, Bexleyheath, DA7 4TJ Cheques made payable to St. Mary's Bexley PCC. Please help.

