

# Big Ben



# The Great Bell

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**Big Ben is the nickname for the Great Bell of the clock at the north end of the Palace of Westminster in London.**



# The Elizabeth Tower

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The tower is officially known as the Elizabeth Tower, renamed as such to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of Elizabeth II.



# Charles Barry

The Elizabeth Tower, more popularly known as *Big Ben*, was raised as a part of Charles Barry's design for a new palace, after the old Palace of Westminster was largely destroyed by fire on the night of 16 October 1834.



Charles Barry

# Neo-gothic style

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The new Parliament was built in a Neo-gothic style.

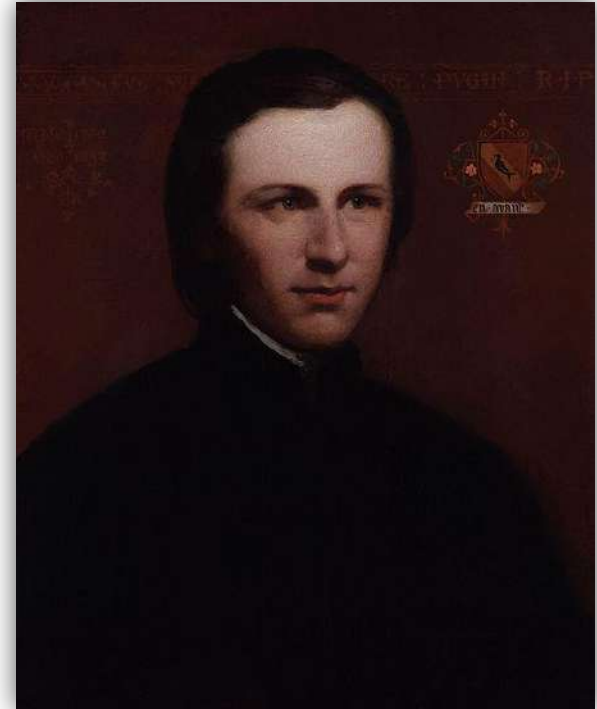


# Augustus Pugin

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The clock and dials were designed by Augustus Pugin.

The clock dials are set in an iron frame 7.0 m in diameter.



Augustus Pugin

# The dial

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**The dial of the Great Clock of Westminster.  
The hour hand is 2.7 m long and the minute hand is 4.3 m long.**

# IIII vs IV

Unlike most other Roman numeral clock dials, which show the '4' position as 'IIII', the Great Clock faces depict '4' as 'IV'.





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The main bell, officially known as the *Great Bell*, is the largest bell in the tower and part of the Great Clock of Westminster. The bell is better known by the nickname *Big Ben*.



# Sir Benjamin Hall

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The bell was possibly named in honour of Sir Benjamin Hall, and his name is inscribed on it.



**Benjamin Hall**

# A symbol of the UK

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The clock has become a symbol of the United Kingdom, particularly in the visual media.



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When a television or film-maker wishes to indicate a generic location in the country, a popular way to do so is to show an image of the tower, often with a red double-decker bus or black cab in the foreground.



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