

**PCC POLICY**  
**BELL RINGING**

Reviewed - February 2021

Next Review Due – February 2022

**Canon F8: No bell in any church shall be rung contrary to the direction of the Minister.**

We want to encourage people to take up bell-ringing and to make our facilities available as freely as possible.

There is currently a practice once per month (usually on a Monday evening from 8pm to 9:30pm).

We would like the bells to be rung before major services especially on Sundays.

Requests for bells at weddings will be passed by the Incumbent to the Tower Captain. The Tower Captain will fix the fees each year in consultation with the Rector.

We would expect to allow no more than 8 Peal attempts per year. We shall try to avoid peal attempts taking place in the same week as a monthly Monday practice.

Invitations from visiting ringers will be considered by the Incumbent in consultation with the Parish Administrator.

The bells may also be rung on special occasions as requested by the Tower Captain, and for example, on Heritage Day when the ringing chamber is open to members of the public.

We would expect bells to be rung at funerals and weddings.

A bell is chimed briefly before the start of daily services as required by Canon Law.

The historic policy to ring the Angelus daily in St Nicolas' Church will be continued three times each day when possible.

The Incumbent will permit the bells to be rung more often in order to accommodate a temporary local need, but will review this permission if there any complaints.