

# *Church News*

## **News from the Belfry**

On the 22nd of November 2013 it was St. Peter's turn to host the South East District practice night. The practice provided an ideal opportunity for guest ringers to turn up and ring at a different tower. It also gave our Tower Captain the evening off as the practice was organised by the SE District Master. The SE District Carol Service is at St Mary the Virgin High Easter on the 7<sup>th</sup> December. There will also be the opportunity to ring before the service.

The SE District, to which St Peter's belongs, is one of the six districts that comprise the Essex Association of Change Ringers. All St. Peter's ringers are members of the EACR. New ringers are invited to join the EACR when they have reached an acceptable standard of ringing.

Traditionally December is always a busy month for the ringers at St. Peter's. In addition to ringing on Sunday mornings we will also be ringing before the Nine Lessons and Carols at 5pm on the 15th of December, both Christingle Services on Christmas Eve, the Midnight Mass and at the Christmas Day Family Communion Service. This gives everyone plenty of opportunity to come and hear us ring.

Our last practice night of 2013 is on the 20<sup>th</sup> December after which we are invited to the Tower Captain's home for supper together with our partners and friends. Practice nights resume on the 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2014.

Our annual dinner will be early in the New Year at Forrester Park Golf Club. As with other social events our friends from other towers will join us for Sunday lunch.

On behalf of all St. Peter's bell ringers I would like to wish everyone a Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

*Andrew Hood*