

Church News

News from the Belfry

The school summer holiday is a quiet time of year for the bell ringers. Due to ringers being on holiday one or two practices have unfortunately been cancelled. St Peter's is very fortunate, for a small village church, to have a band of fourteen ringers. We have been able to ring for all Parish Communion Services during the holiday period and at the wedding on 23rd August.

Before the cold weather arrives why not visit St Peter's Church and see where we ring. As you approach the church look at the tower and just below the spire you will notice a set of louvres behind which the bells are located. Enter through the main church door and turn left by the font and up onto the raised floor from where the bells are rung. If you look up you will see the bell ropes secured out of the way. However the rope for the treble, the lightest bell, is hung over a picture frame, the reason being that it is tolled for the 8.00am service on a Sunday. Move over to the picture frame and you will see that it is here that the weight of the bells is recorded. I do hope that the Vicar has not read the Customs for Death and Funeral Knell.

The peal board behind the ladder commemorates the first peal rung at St. Peter's. Other peal boards are located in the vicinity. There is also a memorial plaque to the right of the west window to the bell ringer P.C Sayer. Before you leave have a look round St Peter's Church. See if you can find the private pew of the de Crespigny family.

Are you interested in learning to ring the bells at St Peter's? Contact our Tower Captain Janice Spalding Tel: 01621 892197. You are also welcome to pop in at practice night on Fridays at 20.00hrs.