

## BAMPTON RINGING POLICY:

Bampton possesses a ring of six bells, all of which were cast by the Bilbie family in Cullompton in the year 1800. This is one of the few rings of bells all cast by this local bell founder, they are much admired for their tone and we receive many requests for them to be rung. We also have a practice bell, linked to a computer based simulator, and this bell was cast in Salisbury in 1616.

### Sunday ringing:

On the first Sunday in each month we ring between 10.15 and 11.00 am and between 5.55 and 6.30 pm.

On the second Sunday in each month we ring between 10.15 and 11.00 am only

On the third Sunday in each month we ring between 10.15 and 11.00 am and between 5.55 and 6.30 pm.

On the fourth Sunday in each month we ring between 10.15 and 11.00 am and between 5.55 and 6.30 pm.

On the fifth Sunday in each month we ring between 10.15 and 11.00 am only on those Sundays when there are services at Bampton – approximately once or twice per year – see Signpost for details

### Practice evening:

We ring between 7.30 and 9.00 pm every Thursday evening.

### Extended ringing:

We ring for long periods on Bampton Fair day – the last Thursday in October each year – and on one other occasion each year for which details are published in advance. We also ring for shorter periods – each of about one hour's duration not more than four times per year and details are given on each occasion on a notice board outside the church.

### Celebration rings:

We ring at the request of Bampton residents to celebrate important occasions in their lives – details are given on each occasion on a notice board outside the church. We also ring for weddings and blessings as requested.

### Visiting ringers:

We welcome visiting ringers from other towers as requested – and once again details are given on a notice board outside the church.

Also, once every two years or so, we welcome the Guild of Devonshire Ringers to our church, to ring, worship and hold their meetings.

The Practice bell and simulator:

This bell is used to train people in basic bell handling and early method ringing and is available for use at any mutually convenient time. Our Safety policy requires two competent ringers to be present whenever the practice bell is in use. The practice bell cannot be heard outside the tower, but we do disengage the clock chimes when the bell is in use, also the clock cannot be wound when the practice bell is being used.

New ringers:

We always welcome people who wish to learn to ring and suggest that the most appropriate time for them to make contact is by coming to the tower, entrance through the West door, on any Thursday evening. Special procedures apply when teaching children to ring. We make no charge for teaching people to ring and no special clothing or other equipment is required.