



CHURCH BELL RINGING

WHAT IS RINGING ALL ABOUT?

For centuries church bells have been rung to call people to worship, to celebrate special occasions and to mark important national events. Ringers come from all walks of life and all ages. Most ringers practise once or twice a week and ring before or after church services on Sundays, as well for weddings, funerals, other local events and sometimes just for fun.

LEARN TO RING

Almost anyone can learn to ring and you can start at any age. Learning to ring is more about technique than it is about strength, musicality or mathematical ability.

Ringling is a team activity, so after the initial teaching you will be able to join in with the rest of the band and start to make a glorious sound!

Once mastered, ringing is a skill for life and offers a wealth of new experiences and much enjoyment.



BASIC BELL-HANDLING

First, you will be taught the technique of 'handling' a bell, which will require a number of 1-2-1 lessons over the course of several weeks. These lessons may be held before the band's regular practice night, so that you get to meet the members of the band and can see and hear what you are aiming for. Some towers may initially teach you separately from the band, at a time that suits you and the teacher.



Scan the QR code. This will take you to the Guild of Devonshire Ringers' contact form, where you can register your interest in learning to ring and you will be directed to your nearest teaching tower. Additional contact information below:

Guild Education Officer - educationofficer@devonringers.org.uk

Association of Ringing Teachers - ringingteachers.org/get-involved/learn-to-ring