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Welcome to Church Bell Ringing.

This is the start of a lifelong involvement in something that spans the world and in which you will never stop learning. There are certain safety aspects of Bell Ringing, which do not apply to many other activities. To help ensure that you and all others involved in learning to ring do so in a safe manner you are asked to read the following notes. Please complete the enclosed forms and if you are the parent/guardian of someone who wishes to learn will you please complete them with your child. This is necessary to comply with the various pieces of legislation that are now in force such as Health and Safety, Child Protection etc. as well as helping us to ensure your safety.

The physical nature of Bell Ringing requires that you are reasonably fit and able bodied. About the most demanding thing you will have to do is learn to control the bell rope. This will require assistance from your trainer and physical contact will sometimes be necessary. This will be understood more fully when you come to learn.

There is sometimes a need to shout instructions to be heard across a tower or above the noise of the bells and when quick action is needed.

Parents of children who want to learn are encouraged to come to the ringing practice, particularly for the first time.

Members of our Church Bellringers follow the Church Council's Child Protection Policy. A copy of this can be made available, should you wish to see it, from:

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who is always available should you wish to talk to someone who is not a member of the ringing team.

Two copies of the form are enclosed. The one on the back of this letter is for you to keep and the other is to be returned to the Tower Captain.

We look forward to you and /or your child/children joining us for Ringing practice.

Yours sincerely,

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Captain's Name                      Captain's Address                      Captain's Phone Numbers

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