

RULES FOR THE BELL RINGERS OF

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S. Mary's Church, Broughton.

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The Belfry is part of the sacred Building and is consecrated to the service of Almighty God, as much as the Choir or any other part of the Church. The Bells are instruments of sacred music, and are intended for the purpose of telling forth the praise of God, and as a call to Parishioners to come and worship Him. The office of a Bell Ringer is therefore a sacred office, and should always be performed in a reverend spirit.

1. The Belfry being under the control of the Rector, access cannot be had to it, nor can the bells be rung, without his consent; all arrangements, therefore, as to ringing the bells are at his option.
2. Admission of Members, their dismissal, or any other matter connected with the Bells, shall be referred to him for his approval.
3. It is expected that the Ringers will attend the service of the Church after ringing, unless hindered by any reasonable cause.

4. Remembering that the Belfry is as much a part of the consecrated building as any other part, the behaviour of members should be such as is consistent with their sacred calling, both within and without the Building.
5. That any member guilty of intemperance, or acting in any way inconsistent with his office as Church officer, shall be liable to dismissal at the option of the Rector.
6. That a Meeting of the members (at which the Rector and Churchwardens shall be ex officio) shall be held once a year on the 6th of January, for the purpose of electing one of the members Belfry Master for the year. The Rector shall be chairman of such meeting, and the election shall be decided by a show of hands.
7. The Belfry Master so chosen shall be responsible for order, and shall keep a book in which to mark attendances at all practices and ringings, and the book shall be kept under lock and key within the Belfry. The Master shall also see that all lights be carefully extinguished before quitting the Belfry, and if the Master is unable to be present he shall send word to the Ringers to act for him.
8. The Bells shall be rung in full peal on the four great Festivals of the Church, viz. Christmas Day, Easter Day, Ascension Day, and Whitsunday, and when possible, on Sundays, Harvest, and other Festivals.