

History of the bells at Worth

The bell tower at Worth is a Victorian construction replacing an earlier building which rested on tree trunks! There is a note from 1684 that the church had three bells and that they were augmented to four. In 1844 these were re-cast to form a peal of six.



The bells were re-cast by Gillett and Johnston of Croydon in 1928. The largest bell, the tenor, is 3 feet in diameter (almost 1m) and weighs 9 cwt (489kg). Its note is A, the whole ring being harmonically tuned in the key of A.

Contact details

If you have any queries about bells for your wedding, please contact the Tower Captain at:

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Further information

If you would like to find out more about bellringing in general please visit :

<http://www.bellringing.org/>

St. Nicholas Church, Worth



Bells for your wedding

Wedding ringing

Worth Church has six bells which will ring as you exit the church (hopefully into sunshine) after the service. The signal for us to start ringing is the processional organ music, so if you plan to exit to something out of the ordinary (such as a favourite song), please ensure you let the ringers know. We time the start of the ringing so that you leave the church to the sound of the organ and by the time you have passed through the west doors, you hear the bells as you emerge into the churchyard.

The bells will be rung by six experienced ringers for about twenty minutes, which is roughly the time that most wedding parties spend taking pictures in the churchyard. The ringers will assume that your wedding service will last for 40-45 minutes and they will ring for about 20 minutes if this is the case. If, however, the service overruns for any reason, ringing will cease around one hour after the scheduled start of your wedding service. If you expect the service to take longer than 45 minutes, please advise the ringers so that they can arrange to meet later and thus be able to provide you with a full 20 minutes ringing.

Midweek weddings

Most weddings are on Saturdays, but increasingly we receive requests to ring for midweek weddings. Most of the ringers are employed, so it is harder to get together a band of ringers. Normally we can do so with ringers who are retired or in jobs with some flexibility but there is a very small chance that this will not be possible.



Working on the tenor bell.



Ringers in action!

Other offers

If you, or any of your guests, would like to see ringing in action, we can arrange this if it is organised beforehand. Our practice night is on Thursday between 19:30 and 21:00. If you would be interested in coming along for part of this session please contact the Tower Captain (contact details are on the reverse) in advance. You would be most welcome.