

Name of Volunteering Activity

Bell Ringing

Name of current Volunteering Lead

Daniel Griffith

Tasks to be undertaken

We have a core band of six ringers, but with 8 bells in the tower it would be great to have some new recruits. We have been occasionally helped out on practice nights by ringers from Hendon, Hampstead, and Holloway, which has enabled us to tackle some more ambitious ringing. We have also welcomed a couple of learners who started out at Hendon, as it helps to practise on a few different bells when learning to ring.

In May we rang to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III, beforehand with five ringers, and in the evening with six, where we rang the 48-change “Coronation” call change sequence that was rung for the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II.

In November we rang the bells half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday, and we were also finally able to start opening the sound control board again, having fitted some new mesh to keep the pigeons out of the tower, so the bells should be more audible outside the church on Sunday mornings now.

In March we rang at the service in celebration of the life of June Bell, who was a long-time member of our band and a key player in keeping the bell ringing community alive here at St Mary-at-Finchley.

Any particular skills required?**Expected hours to be committed (per week/ month/year)?**

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Regularity

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Any flexibility to shorten the time requirement?**Any special arrangements that could be made for volunteers with health conditions or impairments?****Name/s of people currently volunteering in this role**

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Do we need any more help with this role?

It would be great to have some new recruits.

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