Name of Volunteering Activity
Bell Ringing

Name of current Volunteering Lead
Daniel Griffith

Tasks to be undertaken
We ring the bells every Sunday morning at 9.30am as a call to worship for the 10am service. 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 are often helped out on practice nights by ringers from Hendon and Hampstead, and occasionally get visitors from further afield, which enables us to hone our skills with some more ambitious ringing. For service ringing on Sundays we're reliant on our own members, as other ringers are usually committed at their own church's service.

Any particular skills required?
Bellringing is a skilled activity, but you receive one-on-one training in bell handling until you are comfortable ringing a bell on your own. While the bells are heavier than the ringers, bellringing is not so much about strength as it is timing and technique.

Expected hours to be committed (per week/month/year)?
2 hours per week: We ring regularly on Sunday mornings for half an hour before the 10am Eucharist and practise on Friday evenings from 7.30–9.00pm.

Regularity
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Any flexibility to shorten the time requirement?
It's helpful for the learning process to come every week to begin with, but occasional weeks off for holidays or other commitments are expected. And we don't ask learners to come to ring on Sundays until they are ready (though they are most welcome to come and watch). We ask that people let us know when they aren't available to help make best use of the practice time.

Any special arrangements that could be made for volunteers with health conditions or impairments?
We would be happy to explore the options for special arrangements on a case-by-case basis, and we have contacts in the wider bellringing community from whom we could seek advice.

Name/s of people currently volunteering in this role
Jackie Breadmore, Andrew Fisher, Daniel Griffith, Jon Stephens, Rita Stephens, James Thomas, Julian Trevelyan

Do we need any more help with this role?
It would be great to have some new recruits.

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