

Tower Young Persons' Policy

1 Introduction

Bell ringing is neither a young person only activity nor an adult only activity. It is a church activity where both adults and young persons can participate as equals.

Bell ringing is also an activity that extends beyond Christ Church Dore; ringers from other churches ring at Dore and ringers from Dore visit other churches. This adds to the uniqueness of bell ringing as an activity at Christ Church, Dore.

Bell ringing is therefore distinctly different to other activities involving children or young persons at Christ Church, Dore and as such requires a separate young persons' policy.

2 Activities Covered by the Tower Young Persons Policy

It is intended that the Tower Young Persons Policy cover activities that relate to ringing by Christ Church Dore bell ringers at Dore. In addition it covers ringing and social activities outside of Christ Church Dore arranged by the Christ Church Dore band of ringers.

The activities included are:

- Christ Church Dore band practices at Christ Church Dore.
- Service, wedding and special occasion ringing at Christ Church Dore by the Christ Church Dore band.
- Teaching of bell handling at Christ Church Dore by members of Christ Church Dore band.
- Ringing trips to other churches arranged by Christ Church Dore bell ringers for the Christ Church Dore band.
- Social activities arranged by Christ Church Dore bell ringers for the Christ Church Dore band.

Areas not covered by this policy include:

- Ringing trips to other churches arranged by bellringers not part of the Christ Church Dore band.
- Individual or small group (i.e. not band activities) trips to other churches.
- Ringing at Christ Church Dore not arranged by Christ Church Dore bell ringers.

3 Tower Young Persons Policy Details

3.1 Young Person Registration

Young person ringers will be asked to register and to have the form signed by their parents (typical form attached).

3.2 Adult Registration

There may be occasions when any of the adult members are in a responsible role with regard to young persons. Therefore all adults will be asked to register as leaders. The list of adults will be updated annually at or around the time of the church annual parochial meeting.

It is recognised that the adults in the responsible role may not be in charge of the bellringing and that a young person could be organising the ringing with an adult in a responsible role.

3.3 Practices

Practices generally take place on Friday evenings from 7:45 until 9:15 p.m. There will be two adults throughout the practice. *It is recognised that a young person may arrive before a second adult is present but bellringing practice will not commence before a second adult arrives.*

3.4 Service, Wedding and Special Occasion Ringing

Service ringing is generally between 9:30 and 10:00am on Sunday mornings. Wedding ringing is for between 20 and 30 minutes after the wedding service. Special occasion ringing generally relates to a church, village or national event.

At least two adults will be present during ringing.

All the above are considered to be normal ringing activities and therefore no written information will be provided or specific permission for attendance sought from the parents of young persons.

3.5 Teaching of Bell Handling

The teaching of bell handling is the only individually taught element of bell ringing. Bell handling has to be mastered before a recruit can ring with the remainder of the band.

Bell handling teaching occurs at times agreed between the teacher and the recruit and therefore no written information will be provided or specific permission for attendance sought from the parents of young persons.

It will be planned for bell handling to be taught with two adults present when one or more child is present.

The Tower Captain is responsibility for teaching. All persons who undertake teaching will require DBS checks.

3.6 Ringing Trips

Ringing trips arranged by Christ Church Dore ringers for Christ Church Dore ringers are covered by the Tower Young Persons Policy.

Such activities will be considered to be special events outside the normal meeting place and written information will be provided and specific permission for attendance sought from the parents of young persons (typical form attached).

3.7 Social Events

Social events arranged by Christ Church Dore ringers for Christ Church Dore ringers are covered by the Tower Young Persons Policy.

Such activities will be considered to be special events outside the normal meeting place and written information will be provided and specific permission for attendance sought from the parents of young persons (typical form attached).

4 Activities Not Covered by the Tower Young Persons Policy

4.1 Ringing Trips Not Organised by Christ Church Dore Bell Ringers

Ringling trips arranged by ringers who are not members of the Christ Church Dore band are not covered by the Tower Young Persons Policy.

4.2 Individual Ringing Trips

Ringling trips by individual ringers or small groups from the Christ Church Dore band are not covered by the Tower Young Persons Policy.

4.3 Ringing at Dore Not Organised by Christ Church Dore Bell Ringers

Ringling at Christ Church Dore not organised by the Christ Church Dore bell ringers is not covered by the Tower Young Persons Policy.

5 Management of Tower Young Persons Policy

The responsibility for the management of the Tower Young Persons Policy will rest with the Tower Captain. The Tower Captain has, to date, been appointed by the bell ringers.

The management duties consist of:

- Supervision/responsibility for all activities covered by the Tower Young Persons Policy.
- Reviewing registration of adults.
- Ensuring registration of young persons.
- Retaining young persons' registration documents.
- Issuing written information and specific permission for attendance forms for special events outside the normal meeting place and retaining signed returned forms.

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Young Person's Bell Ringing Registration Form

In order to maintain standards of care of all young persons who are bell ringers at Christ Church Dore, we are asking that a registration form is completed for all young persons. This ensures that we are aware of any medical conditions and that we have a record of contact numbers in case of emergency. We would be grateful if you would complete this form and hand it to the Tower Captain. Thank you for your co-operation.

Name and contact of Tower Captain:

Richard Knights, 0114 262 0948, richard.knights@outlook.com

Name of young person:

Date of birth:

Address:

Home telephone number:

Emergency contact number (if different from above):

Please give details of medical conditions that we may need to be aware of (e.g. allergy, asthma, epilepsy):

Medical treatment in the event of an emergency:

The regular Christ Church Dore bell ringing activities take place in the tower of Christ Church Dore and include: practice (Friday 7:45 to 9:15), service ringing (Sunday 9:30 to 10:00), weddings and special occasion ringing.

Other Christ Church Dore bell ringing activities include trips to other churches (single day and over two or three days) and social events: you will be notified of these in writing.

I do / do not agree to my child taking part in the activities of Christ Church Dore bell ringers.

Name of parent/guardian:

Signature of parent/guardian:

Date:

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Young Person's Bell Ringing Special Event Registration Form

Description of event including:

- date(s)
- proposed itinerary
- cost
- transport
- accommodation
- means of refreshment

Name of young person:

Date of birth:

Address:

Home telephone number:

Emergency contact number (if different from above):

Please give details of medical conditions that we may need to be aware of (e.g. allergy, asthma, epilepsy):

Medical treatment in the event of an emergency:

I do / do not agree to my child taking part in the activities of Christ Church Dore bell ringers.

Name of parent/guardian:

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