

Adlington St Pauls Bell Ringers



My name is Jane Dey, and I am the Tower Captain at St. Pauls Church, Adlington. I lead the band of ringers at bellringing practices on Thursday night and service ringing on Sunday mornings. You may hear the church bells ringing at other times too for weddings, funerals, and other occasions where up to 8 bells may be heard with a ringer on each bell. Historically, bells have been rung to summon people to worship and convey messages to the community. We continue the long tradition of bellringing here in Adlington.

I became fascinated by bellringing when I was 12 after I saw it done and I learned to ring nearly 50 years ago in Leicester. It's so much more than pulling a rope, it takes a long time to learn the skills needed and the patterns called 'methods' which are like tunes rung on the bells.

After learning to ring in Leicester, I now ring here in Adlington where I live and I have recently taken on the role of Tower Captain, after Geoff & Lindsay Smith and Alan & Audrey McNutt and all those who have worked tirelessly to keep the ringing going here since the 1930s.

Ringling is a very absorbing hobby - ringers benefit from physical activity, socialising, stimulating brain cells and experiencing a feeling of knowing they are carrying on the tradition of bellringing which started centuries ago!

There's a lot more to the role of Tower Captain, I maintain health and safety standards, uphold safeguarding practices and liaise with church leaders. I arrange for visiting bands to use our bells and we often visit other towers to ring their bells and gain experience ringing in different towers. Part of our band are our 'Steeple Keepers' and they do a fantastic job of upkeeping the tower and bells which take quite a lot of maintenance.

We hope you enjoy hearing the bells on a Thursday and a Sunday and hope this gives a little insight into the life of the tower and what happens behind the scenes when you hear the bells. There can be up to 8 ringers at any one time ringing together. We know each other well and it's a lovely community of ringers that we have who love ringing together.

If you used to be a ringer and would like to return to ringing, please contact Elle Buttery on 07368 572271 or see our Facebook page St. Paul's Bellringers Adlington.

Our ringers are between ages 20-70+ and we're happy to welcome more ringers!

Who Knew ...

that all this took place behind the scenes to keep the bells ringing and the clock working?



80th Anniversaries of VE Day & VJ Day

On the 8th May we observed VE Day, otherwise known as Victory in Europe Day, when the war against Germany came to an end. We held a short wreath laying ceremony at the Adlington & District War Memorial on Railway Road. Similarly, on Friday 15th August, our community once more gathered at the Adlington & District War Memorial to commemorate the 80th anniversary of VJ Day – Victory over Japan and the conclusion of World War Two.

The wreath laying ceremony ended with a perfectly timed tribute to our wartime generation. Following the singing of the National Anthem and closing words by the Town Mayor of Adlington, the bells of St Paul's rang out. They rang out in honour of VJ Day and replicated the Victory Peal heard from the War Memorial Tower of St Paul's, to celebrate peace on 15th August 1945.

Remembrance Sunday this year will fall on Sunday 9th November. There will be the annual Church Service and Wreath Laying ceremony at the Adlington & District War Memorial on Railway Road. Everyone is more than welcome to join and pay respects. Please see the poster for more details and if possible, please keep an eye on the village noticeboards and the Adlington Town Council Facebook page for any updates or last-minute changes to this ceremony.

