

# Bell Ringing at the Parish Church of St Michael and All Angels, Lyndhurst

Bells have been rung in the English tradition of change ringing since the 1600s.

At St Michael's six bells were installed in the new church in 1874. A further two were added in 1948 to make an octave. The largest (tenor) is about 11cwt, just over half a ton.

To be a good ringer requires several things:

- Hand/eye co-ordination
- Sense of rhythm
- Ability to listen

Contrary to many preconceptions, it does *not* require great strength or fluency in mathematics!

Our present band of Ringers (real ringers never refer to 'campanology'!) is drawn from all walks of life and all ages. Our main objective is, of course, to ring for the main Sunday morning service. However, we will also mark local and national events and celebrations and will respond, where possible, to other requests, such as weddings. Practice is Thursday evening.

We welcome anyone who wishes to find out a bit more about ringing – there is no obligation. Just contact the Tower Captain.



The Bells



A popular (mis)conception ...



... and in reality!



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