

Handbell Ringers of Great Britain

South West Region

Festival of Christmas Music

12th December 2026



***Bagley Baptist Church, Coldnose Lane,
Bagley, Nr Wedmore, Somerset BS28 4TG***

We are delighted that we can return to the 'Church with a View' again this year. This is an excellent venue with lots of space, parking and good facilities.

Programme for the Day

Doors open and set up	1.30pm - 2.30pm
Rehearsal	2.30pm - 4.00pm
Buffet tea if booked in advance (or bring your own food)	4.00pm - 5.00pm
Sou'westers run through	4.00pm - 4.30pm
Concert	5.00pm - 6.30pm (approx)
Restore church for Sunday (assistance welcome please)	

Bookings

Ringers who wish to take part in the Festival, whether in massed ringing or solos, must all be members of HRGB (although the Regional Chair does have power to waive this requirement, e.g. in the case of new members).

On the application form please show your preferred layout shape; there is ample space but please note that there are not many tables available for loan; if you can bring your own, please do so.

Individuals and part teams are most welcome to join in the massed ringing but should bring their own bells/foams and music stands where possible.

Massed Ringing Music

The massed ringing music is listed below and **the rally fee includes the cost of all music**. If you already have some of the pieces please check that they are the same version.

You will receive 1 copy of each piece with permission to reproduce the number of copies needed for the number of ringers booked.

This year's massed ringing music, which will be conducted by Jason Walker, is:

- *Merrily to Bethlehem*, Sandra Winter (last used 2018)
- *Winter Wonderland* Jason Walker (new)
- *Clock Carol* (last used 2019)*
- *Once in Royal David's City* (last used 2001)*
- *Unto Us a Boy is Born* (last used 2004)
- *Good Tidings*, George Francis (traditional final piece used each year)

*Words available for congregation to join in.

Please note: Bells must be in standard pitch to join in with the massed ringing. If in doubt please ask.

Solo items

Teams may be able to ring solo items, although until all bookings are in, the number of solos can't be finalised. Pieces should be of a seasonal nature and suitable for ringing in a church environment. When choosing solo items please avoid the massed ringing pieces. HRGB support the principals of copyright and teams playing solo items are asked to observe copyright law by having the correct number of original or authorised copies of music.

Refreshments

Tea and coffee will be available during the day and a buffet tea will be available at a cost of £5 person. This must be booked in advance; alternatively ringers are welcome to bring their own food.

Directions to the Church - For Satnav users: *BS28 4TG*

From the South West, West, Bristol and the North: Leave the M5 at junction 22, turn left at the roundabout onto the A38, in 150 yards turn left (signed Watchfield and Mark), in about 1½ miles at the T junction turn left onto the B3139 toward Mark. Continue for about 7 miles through Mark into Wedmore. From Wedmore follow signs to Glastonbury on the B3151 Mudgeley Road/Hill. After 1½ miles, turn left to Bagley, the church is on the left

From the East and South East: From the A39 at Wells take A371 signposted Weston-S-Mare then in ½ mile bear left onto Elm Close (the B3139). In about 4½ miles look for Christ Church on the right and immediately turn left into Snake Lane. In ¾ mile turn right into Coldnose Lane and the church is less than ½ mile on the right.

Booking Form - Christmas Festival

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Please complete and return by 1st November to:

Jane & John Willis, Lyndhurst, Prospect Hill, Okehampton EX20 1JD
or email to john.torbell@gmail.com

Team Name

Correspondent

Telephone

Email to which we may send music::.....

Please note: as the Sou'westers will be playing at this event the availability of bells for loan to ringers is limited. However we will do our best accommodate requests, so please state what bells you would like to borrow.

*If you are a Sou'wester's ringer **coming with your own team**, please include yourself with your team's booking; if you are ringing just with the Sou'westers please book at one of the Sou'wester sessions.*

..... HRGB members @ £5.00 each.....£ _____

.....Non-HRGB members @ £9.00 each.....£ _____

..... Buffet teas required @ £5.00 each£ _____

Total...£ _____

*We would like to pay by BACS may be made to sort code 30-90-89
account 38304968 name: HRGBSW use reference BAGLEY.*

To pay by card please ring 01837 52565

*If paying by cheque please make payable to HRGB SW and send with this form
(but they will not normally be paid-in until after the event)*

Team correspondents:

Please give details of your preferred table layout and indicate whether you will be bringing tables (as the Sou'westers will be playing, the number of tables available for teams is limited so please bring your own if possible):

If you would like to play one or more solo items please give the title and composer/arranger *(write TBA if the title is not decided - but to enable us to plan the programme, please let us know this as soon as possible)*

Title _____

Composer/arranger _____

(It may necessary to limit the number of solo items that a team can play. When the number of teams wishing to play solos is known we will advise you accordingly)