

**Handbell Ringers of Great Britain
South West Region**



Festival of Christmas Music

14th December 2024



***Cirencester Baptist Church,
Chesterton Lane, Cirencester GL7 1YE***

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Christmas Festival 2024

This year we are holding our traditional Festival at Cirencester Baptist Church, a large modern church at the northern end of our region.

Programme for the Day

Doors open and set up*	1.30pm - 2.30pm
Rehearsal	2.30pm - 4.00pm
Pasties if booked in advance (or bring your own food)	4.00pm - 5.00pm
Sou'westers run through	4.00pm - 4.15pm
Concert	5.00pm - 7.00pm (approx)
Restore church for Sunday (assistance welcome)	

**Tea and coffee will not be available until 2pm because of another function; please bring your own lunch.*

For those wishing to stay overnight there is a Premier Inn nearby.

Parking and access

Car Parking on the church site is limited and reserved for those carrying bells and equipment. There is street parking in the area and there are a number of local immediately adjoining businesses who allow their parking spaces to be used when they are closed on Saturdays.

There are about five steps up to the front and rear doors of the church but from the side of the building there is a ramp with a gentle slope to the front door. If using this, you will need to unload at the ramp and then move away.

Team 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 discretion to waive this requirement, e.g. in the case of new members).

On the application form please show the preferred layout shape for your team. Tables are not readily available at the church and teams are asked to bring their own (it may be possible to hire tables – about £10 each – on request).

HRGB Safeguarding Policy: Each team contact should bring a list of their attendees with contact details, to hand in on arrival. This information will be destroyed after 7 days. The Safeguarding Lead for this event is Diane Holt.

Refreshments

Tea and coffee will be available from 2pm during the day and at 4.00pm there will be a selection of different hot pasties and pastries from the local Greggs Bakery (see booking form). *Ringers who prefer to bring their own food are welcome to do so.*

Directions to the Church (For Satnav users: GL7 1YE)

The church lies just off the A419, Bristol Road which runs south of the town. From the Fire Station roundabout take the Midland Road (signposted Love Lane Industrial Estate); at the mini roundabout (Wicks) turn right into Love Lane and the church will be seen on the right.

Solo items

Teams may be able to ring a solo item, although we cannot guarantee that time will permit all teams to do so; the Regional Committee would like to ensure that a good standard of ringing is shown to the public. Pieces should be of a seasonal nature and suitable for ringing in a church environment.

We need to know what you would like to play so that we can avoid any duplication – so the earlier you get your booking in, the more likely you are to be able to ring the piece of your choice.

When choosing solo items please avoid the massed ringing pieces.

Copyright

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 with them.

Supported Charity

As usual we will be supporting a local charity, there will be no entry charge for the Festival but the retiring collection will be for *Gloucestershire Young Carers Support* who have 30 years expertise developing innovative services with and for young carers.



Individuals attending

Individuals and part teams are most welcome to join in the massed ringing and should bring their own tables/bells/foams and music stands where possible. Bells may be available for loan – please ask on the booking form.

Please note: Bells must be in standard pitch to join in with the massed ringing please. If in doubt please ask. Teams without all the bells should just play the notes that they can.

Massed Ringing Music

The massed ringing music will be selected from the list below; the number of pieces used will depend on the number of solo items etc to be fitted into the time available.

The rally fee includes the cost of all music. *You will receive 1 copy of each piece with permission to reproduce the number of copies needed for the number of ringers you book.* You may already have some of the pieces but please check that they are by the same arranger and the correct version; if in doubt please compare them.

The massed ringing conductor this year will be Robert Willis.

This year's massed ringing music is:

- **Angels from the Realms of Glory*** arr Ryan Price
- **Away in a Manger*** arr Ryan Price
- **Coventry Carol** Martin Staub adapted by Robert Willis
- **Good Tidings** arr George Francis (used every year)
- **Jolly Jingles** arr Ryan Price
- **Silent Night** F. Gruber arr A. J. Atkinson
- **Stille, Stille, Stille** arr Fiona Willis

*May be sung with the congregation

It is planned to include a guest choir in the proceedings; more details will be given nearer the time.

**We look forward to seeing you there –
if you would like a booking form please contact**

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or phone 01837 52565

Or you can download a booking form from the SW website at

<https://sw.hrgb.org.uk/events>