

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



Festival of Christmas Music

13th December 2025



***St Paul's Church, Church Street,
Tiverton, Devon EX16 5HU***

Registered Charity No. 298945 (England) SCO38918 (Scotland)

Christmas Festival 2025

St Paul's is a lively Anglican church in Tiverton. Being in the town, parking is something of an issue but we hope that will not put ringers off from coming to this excellent venue.

Directions to the Church (*For Satnav users: EX16 5HU*)

From junction 27 of the M5 take the A361/A38 exit signposted Barnstaple/Tiverton/Wellington. In 6½ miles at the Bolham roundabout take the first exit A3126. At the next roundabout take the 3rd exit (A3126) and in ½ mile take the first exit from the roundabout into Leat Street (still the A3126).

At the next roundabout, take the 3rd exit onto St Paul Street (A3126) then left into Church Street and immediately right into St Paul's Square; the entrance to the church is on the right.

Parking and access

Car Parking at the church is limited and there will be a steward outside the church to allow those with bells and equipment to get as close to the entrance as possible and to drop off passengers. There is plenty of street parking nearby and, although marked with yellow lines, *these do not apply on a Saturday*.

Programme for the day

Doors open and set up	2.00pm (Tea/coffee will be available during the day)
Rehearsal	2.30pm - 4.00pm
Break for tea (bring your own food) and audience to arrive	4.00pm - 5.00pm
Concert	5.00pm - 7.00pm (approx)
Restore church for Sunday (assistance welcome)	

Individuals attending without a team

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. The Region's Bells will be available for loan – please ask on the booking form.

Team Bookings

Ringers who wish to ring solos with their teams in the Festival, must be members of HRGB (although the Regional Chair does have discretion to waive

this requirement, e.g. in the case of new members in teams). Non-members are welcome to join in the massed ringing

On the application form please show the preferred layout shape for your team. Some tables are available at the church but please bring your own if you can.

HRGB Safeguarding Policy: *Each team's leader/contact should bring a list of their attendees with contact details, to hand in on arrival to the Safeguarding Lead, Diane Holt. This information will be destroyed after 7 days.*

Solo items

Teams wishing to do so should be able to ring solo items during the Festival. 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.

Massed Ringing

Please note: Bells must be in standard pitch to join in with the massed ringing please. If in doubt please ask. The massed ringing conductor this year will be Robert Willis. The massed ringing music **will be as follows:**

Joy to the World	arr Ryan Price	(new 2025 version)
Oh Come Emmanuel	arr Ryan Price	(new 2025 version)
Hark the Herald*	arr Ryan Price	(new 2025 version)
God Rest Ye Merry	arr Cynthia Dobrinski	(Agape MHP1260)
Sans Day Carol	arr Vic Cox	(new 2025 version)
Good Tidings*	arr George Francis	(new 2025 version)

*May be sung with the congregation

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, with the exception of *God Rest Ye Merry*, they have been updated for this event so **please use the new version.**

Festival Booking Form

Please return by 1st December (enquiries to 01837 52565)

We would like to book for:

..... HRGB members @ £4.00 each.....£ _____

.....Non-HRGB members @ £8.00 each.....£ _____

.....Junior ringers/visitors - no charge

Total ...£ _____

We would like to pay by BACS / Cheque (*please delete one*)

BACS payments to sort code 30-90-89 account 38304968

name: HRGBSW use reference TIVER please. If paying by cheque please make out to HRGB SW and send with the booking form but they will not normally be banked until after the event).

We would like to borrow bells Yes / No

If 'yes' we will contact you to discuss what you need

We would like to borrow tables Yes / No

Note that you will need to supply your own foam for borrowed tables

Teams - *please specify the shape and dimensions of your layout (in feet and inches):*

Your Name or Team Name

Team Correspondent

Email to which we may send music:

We would like to play a solo (write TBA if title not decided).

Title _____ Composer/arranger _____

Please return by post or email to:

Jane and John Willis

Lyndhurst, Prospect Hill, Okehampton, EX20 1JD

or john.torbell@gmail.com

We look forward to seeing you there