

St Mary's Northchurch Newsletter: June 2017



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Saturday 1st July, 12:30 – 4:00pm

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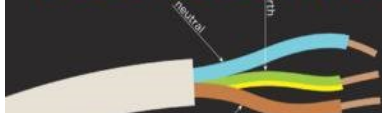
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When they're up, they're up

.... and when they're down, they're down. Bells have to be controlled to change them from down to up (and *vice versa*) – and they are very tricky bits of ringing.

Some basics to start my explanation. When a bell is down, hanging like a bluebell, it is safe and, if you pull on the rope a little, the bell will swing but make no sound. When a bell is up, vaguely pretending to be a large vase, it is resting on its 'stay' so that it is just past being vertical. In this position it is close to being unstable. Pull on the rope and the bell will tip over the balance and **nothing** will stop its swing. The clapper will sound two bongs, one on each side of the bell as it swings right round and then back again. A bell swinging like this only needs a bit of a tweak from its ringer to keep sounding evenly – you don't need brute force to ring a bell.

There is no way that one strong pull can change a bell from being down to being up. So the ringer has to pull on the rope to make the bell swing, pull to make it swing more, and pull to make it swing even higher – and repeat until the bongs are well spaced and the ringer knows the bell can be made to 'stand' – which is when it rests on its stay, mouth facing heavenwards.

In itself, ringing a bell up is not difficult, though it is an exercise that has to be learnt. The tricky bit is when six ringers try to raise six bells 'in peal'. When they are successful, you will hear 1-2-3-4-5-6 sounding clearly for 3-4 minutes until the bells 'stand' and all is quiet. Why is this so tricky? Bell No.1 is half the weight of bell No.6, and the weights are graded on the bells in between. The lighter bells don't need as much effort as the heavier ones so the stronger ringers tend to ring up the heavier bells. But each and every ringer has to pull just the right strength to match the swing of the bell they are following – and the ringers have only the bongs to judge this by. Northchurch ringers can generally keep in time with each other until the bells are swinging sort-of halfway up – but our tidy sequence of 1-2-3-4-5-6 tends to break up after that!

Sorry, you have to listen to a cacophony until we magically get back into rounds and you hear 1-2-3-4-5-6 again before we 'stand'. Perhaps you will listen to the racket with understanding and sympathy now you know that we will be doing our best with the challenge of 'raising in peal'.

Valerie Clark, Tower Captain

Gunner 110194 Joseph DYER

'D' Battery, 50th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery

Killed 14th June 1917

Joseph Dyer was one of three brothers who enlisted towards the start of the First World War. They came from George Street in Berkhamsted, which at the start of the 20th century still formed part of Northchurch Parish. Their father, William Dyer, was the local lockkeeper. Joseph joined the Royal Field Artillery, whilst brothers, Walter, was a Drummer with the Norfolk Regiment and Arthur, an infantryman with the Essex Regiment.

During 1916 Joseph was wounded twice in action and also gassed. On each occasion, his injuries were serious enough for him to be sent home to England to convalesce. Joseph returned home again in early 1917, on compassionate grounds, as both Walter and Arthur had been killed in action a few weeks earlier. Having consoled his grieving parents, Joseph returned to France ready for the start of the Battle of Arras, during which his battery provided artillery support to the advancing troops.

A major problem with artillery batteries in semi-static positions at that time was that as soon the guns fired the enemy knew where they were. Consequently, retaliatory action was normal on both sides. On 14th June, having identified the position of Joseph's battery, a German shell exploded close by. Joseph and another gunner were killed.

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June 26th N.B. Starting at 1.30 p.m. A display of dancing by the children of St. Mary's School. Games: Scrabble, Whist, Dominoes afterwards. For more information please contact: Joan Downhill on 865821 or Barbara Lloyd on 865059.



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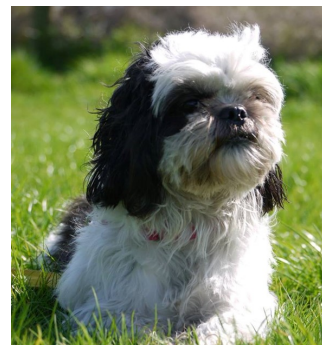
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Venue: St Mary's Northchurch at 7.45pm on June 8th

St Mary's Church Summer Fete 1st July 2017 12.30 – 4pm

Don't miss the annual St. Mary's Church Summer Fete. To open the fete, pupils from St. Mary's School will perform a Maypole dance. There is host of activities for children in the Rectory garden, including face painting, a craft tent, pet's corner, a toy tombola, a bouncy castle and ice creams. Have a go at "Soak the Rector", try your skill at putting a golf ball, or see how far you can throw a welly on the playing field.

Try our burgers fresh from the BBQ and enjoy them with a glass of beer or Pimms and we will be serving a tasty selection of cakes in the Parish Rooms.

Listen to the Hemel Brass Band whilst you browse through the stalls: books, gifts & toiletries, plants, cakes, a bottle tombola and "nearly new items".

Come and enjoy a great day out for the whole family and support the church as well as local and international charities. Money raised will be split equally between:

St. Mary's Church Roof Fund: We are continuing to raise money, which will help towards the replacement of the leaking church roof.

People NOT Borders: A small group of volunteers based in Berkhamsted who are trying to help the growing number of refugees who are living without adequate shelter, food or clothing in dire heart wrenching conditions.

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The St Mary's banner had its annual outing to St Albans Cathedral on Easter Monday. Our group of pilgrims set off at 7 am and walked the 15 or so miles to take part in a joyful service at the Cathedral in the afternoon. The day was a little chilly and overcast, but ideal for walking. We made excellent time on the first stretch, along the canal to Apsley, where we arrived at Sainsbury's café before they had started to serve breakfasts! (A perfect excuse for a longer break while our bacon and eggs were cooking). Further along the way we paused at Bedmond's tin church for tea and biscuits, and a group photo by their new Easter Garden. When we arrived at the Cathedral we were invited to sit in the choir stalls, so we had a fantastic view of pilgrims and banners from all over the Diocese.

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11th June

Trinity Sunday

8.00am Holy Communion
10.00am All Age Service
6.00pm Evening Prayer

18th June

Trinity 1

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00am Parish Eucharist
6.00pm Evening Prayer

25th June

Trinity 2

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00am Parish Eucharist
6.00pm Evening Prayer

Parish Registers: April & May

Funerals

11th May George Risdale

Burial of Ashes

13th May Christopher Pocock

Baptisms

27th April Clara Elizabeth Bennett

7th May Eleanor Faith Iris Millar

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