

Wedding Bells and ringing for special occasions at All Saints, Staplehurst

The ringing of bells at weddings is a long-standing tradition that can be traced back to Celtic times, where church bells were believed to have the power to grant wishes. Because of that, Celtic newlyweds were blessed with the loud ringing of church bells on their wedding day, announcing to everyone their newfound happiness.

All Saints Church, Staplehurst has for many centuries continued this time-honoured tradition to celebrate Weddings, Renewal of Vows and Marriage Blessings. The glorious sound of church bells is truly evocative. Why not let the sound of bells spread the news of your special day?

The Bell Ringers will contribute their time and expertise to help your day be exactly as you wish it to be. The current fee is £200 for ringing as follows:-

- To ring for 20 minutes prior to the service and until the bride or principal guests arrive.
- After the service, ringing for approximately 20 minutes or up to one hour after the advertised start time of the service (whichever is the sooner).

Please note that:-

- There will be no ringing during the service.
- The ringing before and after the service will not always be continuous and short breaks may occur.
- A minimum of 6 bells will be rung.
- If the service begins late and/or is longer than the usual 40 minutes for a wedding, there may be little or no bell ringing after the service.
- If due to unforeseen circumstances the bells cannot be rung for your special occasion, a full explanation, apology and refund will be given as soon as possible.
- Bell Ringers are not usually available to ring for special services on Bank or Public Holidays or Church Festivals.

To make a booking and pay for the ringing of bells for your special celebration (as described above), please contact the Rector/Church Office who will then liaise with the Bell Ringers.

If you wish to discuss any bespoke requirements (in addition to or instead of those described above) please contact the Tower Secretary by email through the Church Website at <http://allsaintsstaplehurst.co.uk/about-us/bell-ringing/>