

The Bell

Visitors to All Saints will notice the beautiful tower. The tower houses a single bell and a clock mechanism (by Smith's of Derby). The bell not only rings the hours (8am - 8pm) daily, it also helps us structure our prayer life and has done so since the opening of the church in 1861.

Calling us the prayer

On Sunday mornings the church bell rings to call the community to prayer for the Sunday Mass at 11am. For those unable to attend Mass, at the elevation of the Host and of the Chalice the bell sounds 3 rings to remind people outside that something Holy is happening in church.

The Angelus

The Angelus is a series of prayers that commemorate the incarnation of Jesus. This prayer is traditionally said before morning prayers (8am), at noon and at 6pm. And so after the hour is rung at these times you will hear 3 rings of 3 and then a ring of 9 which relate to the sections of the prayer. (TEXT OF [ANGELUS](#))

Ringling the Bell at other times

The tower bell is also often rung (or tolled) after a funeral. This is a sign of respect to the departed and normally lasts to ring out the age of the departed or to accompany the procession as it moves away from the church. The bell is also rung as a sign of solidarity in sorrow and in celebration. For example it is rung 72 times to commemorate those killed in the Grenfell Fire, as a sign of thanks to the NHS during the Covid-19 pandemic, and on other national and local occasions.

