Ringing of Cathedral, Minster or Church Bells

Central Council of Church Bell Ringers



The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers is pleased to support the 10th anniversary of the signing of the Commonwealth Charter on 13th March 2023 by encouraging bell ringers throughout the 76 UK

cities and those affiliated bell ringing societies of other Commonwealth countries including Australia, New Zealand and Canada, to ring at 8pm (local time) on that day, to include a minimum of 10 whole pulls of Queens (to mark each year since the Charter was signed). Queens can be rung on any number of bells in the order of descending odd bells then descending even, and would look like this written out for 12 bells: 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12.

The sound of bells is synonymous with celebration and marking important moments in history and bells are some of the oldest musical instruments in the world, and certainly the loudest that can be heard for miles across land and sea.

Bell ringing is an activity that combines physics, music, maths and performance but you don't need to be good at any of those to be able to learn to ring. Anyone can learn to ring from age 8+. It's a great team activity with many vibrant voung ringers groups across the UK. It's something that transcends age groups, ethnicity, social, economic or educational status. Bell ringing is great for keeping both mind and body active and a great family activity.

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