

Exning St Martin

The Bells:

There have been bells at Exning church since the seventeenth century:

Around 1623, 4 bells were installed.

In 1845 a new tenor bell (the heaviest at 14cwt/712kg) was installed and

In 1982 a new treble (the lightest at 5cwt/254kg) was installed.

The clock bell which is sited in the lantern on top of the tower was given by a Francis Sheperd in 1736, it was recast in 1845 when the tenor bell was cast.

Originally the bells were rung from the ground floor at the bottom of the tower, but when the organ was moved to its current position in 1965 a new ringing chamber was built above the organ.

The Ringers

Ideally to ring the bells at their best we need 6 people, and at present we sometimes struggle to do this. We are always trying to recruit new ringers.

That said we do manage to ring for weddings, special services and for morning service once a month albeit we do borrow ringers from other churches and visa versa.

We try and ring a couple of quarter peals a year and visitors from other towers are always welcome. We also arrange a day out each year where we ring at 5/6 other churches and end the day with an evening meal when we return to Exning.

We practise every Wednesday evening from 7-45pm---9-00pm , so if you would like to learn the art, or if you have moved to the area and have rung before do come and join us.

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