

Gloucester Cathedral Notes for Visiting Ringers

There is no parking available in the Cathedral precinct.

Parking is free at Tesco on St Oswald's Retail Park on the inner ring road for a maximum of three hours (penalty of £70 for overstaying). Number plate recognition cameras are in use. This is long enough for ringing for Evensong or a practice, but not for a peal attempt. The nearest car park is at the bottom of Westgate Street, but there are others: take a look at the street map/city centre car parks on-line.

For Evensong, ringers should assemble outside the tower door (the Pilgrim Door) on the south side of the Cathedral by 1.25pm. General entrance to the Cathedral is by the south porch. Use this door to visit the toilets and coffee shop. During building work, you may have to enter by the west door.

For Peal attempts: Meet outside the Pilgrim Door or in the south transept about 15-20 minutes before your start time. (See above re toilets and coffee shop.)

For all visiting ringers:

Someone will meet you. He/she will have keys and will lead you to the ringing room. For Evensong ringing, the lower door will be locked by 1.35. If non-ringers wish to come up the tower they must understand that they cannot leave the tower until the end of ringing.

The person who meets you will deal with the clock hammers and the ropes.

Everyone must sign the attendance book.

Notes for group leader:

The bells are kept down. You will have to ring them up, and ring down again by the appointed time, normally 2.50pm for 3pm Evensong. You will be informed if this is different on the day of your visit.

On a Sunday, please remind your ringers that this is not a practice: they are ringing for Evensong.

PEAL RINGERS

You will be met [at 9.45 by John Smith.] [John's mobile number is 07840 761615. Please note this is for TEXT USE ONLY. He will not answer a voice call.]

Please meet at the base of the tower - outside by the Pilgrim door or inside in the south transept. To help you find this: the main porch is on the south side, so if from here you turn right towards the east, keeping in the side aisle, you will come to the transept where there is a candle-stand, which will help you to identify it. [John] will find you in either of these places.

If you need to use the toilets, go straight ahead on entering by the south porch, cross the nave and through the rather heavy red door. From the west door turn left. This takes you into the cloisters. Straight ahead you will see, signed to the left, the way to the loos. There is a coffee shop here.

I hope this is all the info you need, but do feel free to get in touch again if needed.