



MARSTON UPDATE

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Saturday 14th December

The Marston church Christmas tree had the switching on of its lights on Saturday evening (December 14), with carols being sung by the congregation. This has become a very popular fixture in the lead up to Christmas, giving parents and children the opportunity to share a traditional joy of the season.



Sunday 15th December

Who knows exactly when the Christmas shopping rush started, but the Christmas ringing rush began in earnest at Marston on Sunday with an 11 method quarter peal prior to our morning service.

St Nicholas, Winchendon, St Remigius, Huntley, St Simon's, St Martin's, St Osmund, Eynesbury, Reverse Canterbury, All Saints, Grandsire

1 Kathy Xu 2 Judy Kirby 3 Benjamin Poole 4 Maarit Kivilo 5 Hugh Deam (c) 6 Michael Haynes

Later in the morning at Bletchington, Benjamin called his second quarter peal, comprising 14 method variations.

St Simon's, Eynsham, St Martin's, St Leonard, St Nicholas, Lapley, Winchendon, St John, Plain Bob, April Day, Kennington, Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure

Judy Kirby, Alison Merryweather-Clarke, Benjamin Poole (c), Colin Taylor, Hugh Deam, Gordon Smith



Other Ringing News and Information

As you hopefully will have noticed in the December 4th Update, Paul Lucas was fitting in some quarter peal ringing during his month in Australia, with his final one happening. He also managed to capture a superb picture of the Sydney Harbor Bridge during his visit.



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In the evening St Nicholas held its service of 9 Lessons and Carols, for which a good number of ringers attended. Whilst we achieved some well struck extents of doubles - probably helped by the new portable heater in the tower - there was a couple of firsts for the youngest member, Christopher Beale. Whilst a dab hand at ringing a dumbbell simulator, this was a new challenge, ringing up the No. 2 bell unaided and later on ringing in rounds.

A big well done! - Especially as it was totally unexpected.

Upcoming events

We will be holding a Ringing Up and Down practice at St Nicholas on Saturday 11 January from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. Format will be Ringing Up - ring a requested method - Ring Down.

You can put in a request prior to the day by emailing Hugh - hugh.deam@btinternet.com

Friday 27 December - No Practice, possible QPA, Sunday 29 December 9.00am QPA, Wednesday 1 January, 10.30am New Year's Day QPA