

Good evening everyone.

Despite the church having been closed for several months we've continued to meet most Tuesday nights for practise, occasionally having a night off due to lack of numbers or bad weather. We then ring for the regular church service on the 2nd Sunday of each month now that the church is open again.

Last year we rang for 8 weddings and 2 blessings, even though one of the blessings had been cancelled, we're that dedicated. This year there are 3 weddings booked, so we'll have a bit of rest.

We have 4 regular Preston ringers and 3 Wingham ringers though one of those now lives in Preston so despite her being the captain at Wingham, I think we can claim her as a Preston ringer.

All bellringers are now required to have a safeguarding certificate. This has nothing to do with ringing bells safely, it's to safeguard vulnerable people, mostly young people, from being preyed upon. All our regular ringers have taken an online course in safeguarding and have certificates to prove they meet the requirements of the Church.

And finally, we still welcome new ringers.