

Canon Law

It is a matter of church law that ‘there shall be provided at least one bell to ring the people to divine service’ [Canon F 8]. This includes Sunday worship, occasional offices, and morning and evening prayer. ‘Public notice shall be given in the parish, by tolling the bell of other appropriate means, of the time and place where the prayers are to be said or sung’ [Canon B 11(2)].

Calling to Divine Service

- The alternating bell shall be rung not more than fifteen minutes before services on a Sunday or Feast Day.
- A single toll shall be rung not more than fifteen minutes before and/or after a funeral.
- The alternating bell shall be rung not more than thirty minutes after a wedding.
- A single toll may be rung before the Daily Office.¹

Other Occasions

The bells may also be rung or tolled for acts of commemoration and remembrance, and other occasions / one-off services as the PCC may decide from time to time.

¹ The PCC notes that we currently enable people to say the Daily Office – morning and evening prayer – at home rather than in church.