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## **NEWS RELEASE**

### **Bellringers practice for Easter with the latest technological breakthrough**

St John's bellringers will be ready for their Easter ringing this year as they have been practicing on a recently installed ringing 'simulator'. Inspired by the way pilots train, bellringers use computer technology to simulate bell sounds and even project virtual ringers, in a bid to hone their skilled art. The ringers at St John's will be ready at 9am on Easter morning to break the silence of Holy Week as the first bells of Easter ring out.

"The bell fittings were overhauled earlier this year and the simulator was added as part of the project," said Tower Captain John Wilson. He added: "we have several new recruits and training in this way we have been able to enhance the quality of our performance at the earliest opportunity."

English change ringing is a skilled business where each ringer swings one rather heavy bell through 360 degrees by means of a rope wrapped round the wheel. The ringers need to co-ordinate their movements to achieve an overall smooth rhythm. St John's ringers can be seen in action from the back of the church every Sunday morning as they deliver this evocative music of the bells.

St John's bellringers practice at the church every Wednesday evening at 7 pm and anyone interested in coming along to see what is going on is always very welcome. For more information contact John Wilson on 01234 56789. Alternatively, those wishing to find out more about the art of bellringing can visit the Discover Bell Ringing website ([bellringing.org](http://bellringing.org)).

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