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Primary school pupils to ring church bells

St Mary's bellringers are preparing to usher in Christmas with a whole host of ringing, and this year the children are showing them how it's done at their carol service on 17th December. Mark and his brother David will be there for their first public performance of bellringing.

"I'm really looking forward to it" said Mark (aged 9), "my brother and I have been practising for this and all our friends will be coming". John Smith, rector at St Mary's, said "it's great to have so many young people learning bellringing. They are enjoying learning together enormously as it is such fun, and they are all making excellent progress."

But this is just the start of Christmas ringing at St Mary's. A special performance of a 'quarter peal' will be rung immediately before the christingle service on the Sunday before Christmas. This means over 1,000 different 'changes' will be rung, the skilled performance taking about forty-five minutes. And of course, listen out for the bells on Christmas Day itself, at 10am!

St Mary's ringers practise 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 Mary Jones on 01234 56789. Alternatively, those wishing to find out more about the art of bellringing can visit the Discover Bell Ringing website (bellringing.org).

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