

**The Ronald J Sharp Ringing Centre at St Andrew's Biggleswade
Est 2016**

Operating Guidelines

The Tower, in which the Ronald J Sharp Ringing Centre Ringing Centre is housed, is the home of St Andrew's Biggleswade Band which practises on Wednesday evenings and rings for divine services.

The Ronald J Sharp Ringing Centre is a bookable facility for the use of ringers for general ringing including quarter peals, peals and training events for the promotion and teaching of change ringing in the area.

The Ronald J Sharp Ringing Centre is seeking accreditation to be one of a network of ringing centres approved by the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.

It was established in 2016 with financial assistance from the Bedfordshire Association of Church Bell ringers and the Ronald J Sharp Fund.

The Centre has all the components of any other ten bell church tower together with a dumb bell, full adjustable sound control, multi and single bell simulators equipped with Abel, Virtual Belfry, Beltower applications, multi view CCTV for viewing the bells in motion. In addition there are ample facilities for hospitality and resources for promoting and teaching the Art of Change Ringing.

The Ringing Centre is run by a committee chaired by the Vicar of St Andrew's Biggleswade and is financed by fees and donations.

The Ringing Centre arranges courses that cater for the needs of ringers in the area regardless of parish or civil boundaries.

The Ringing Centre also encourages private bookings by competent leaders who arrange sessions in accordance with the purposes of the centre.

To arrange use of the Ringing Centre, together with the associated equipment - contact

biggleswadebellringers@gmail.com or book via the website:
www.Biggleswadebells.org.uk

A calendar has been integrated within the website showing the activity of the tower and Ringing Centre. This facility will be available from 1st June 2017.

Please note that the tower and Ringing Centre may only be used with prior authorisation from the Incumbent of St Andrew's Biggleswade.