

# 6 bell call change ringing striking competition

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2025

St Bartholomew Church, Coaley, Gloucestershire GL11 5EG

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## Timings for the competition

11am – Draw of order of teams. Please take a pew in Coaley Church where you will be welcomed by Rev'd Graham Stacey.

11.15am – Competition begins.

6pm – Results. Please take a seat in Coaley Church for the results, you are welcome to return to the hall after the results.

## Open Towers

9.30 – 10.30 St Michael & All Angels, **Eastington** (6 Bells, 12cwt) GL10 3SB (a short distance from Junction 13 of M5). Toilet available. Tea, coffee and biscuits available.

11.30 – 13.00 St Swithun, **Leonard Stanley** (6 Bells, 14cwt) GL10 3NP. Toilet available. Tea, coffee and cake available.

11.30 – 13.00 St Cyr, **Stonehouse** (6 Bells, 17cwt) GL10 3QP (access from the mini roundabout into the Boakes Drive housing estate). Toilet available. Tea, coffee and biscuits available.

2.00 – 3.30 St George, **Upper Cam** (6 Bells, 13cwt) GL11 5PQ

2.00 – 3.30 St John the Evangelist, **Slimbridge** (6 Bells, 12cwt) GL2 7BJ. Refreshments available.

3.30 – 5.00 St James the Great, **Dursley** (8 Bells, 19cwt) GL11 4HZ (church is in the centre of the town and you will need to use public car parks – no charges). Toilet available.

*We should be grateful if you would please make a donation of £1 at each of the towers you visit to ring – **cash** to be collected at the door.*

## Facilities for the competition

There will be tea, coffee and cake served from the church from 9.30am-3pm, cash only. The church has a toilet that will be available all day.

There will be a buffet lunch available in the village hall from 12midday until 2pm. If you would like to partake in this lunch **please purchase your lunch voucher in advance**. Drinks can be purchased on the day.

There will be a bar open in the village hall from 3pm until 7pm serving beer from Uley Brewery as well as other alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks (including tea and coffee) and also snacks. The bar will take cash and card payments.

There will be a delivery from the nearby fish and chip shop to the village hall at 5.30pm. We will provide cutlery, salt, vinegar, ketchup/mayo and the bar will remain open. If you would like to order fish and chips (GF option available) or burgers/chicken and chips, **please purchase your dinner voucher in advance.**

Toilets are available in Coaley village hall all day. The village hall will close at 8pm.

Parking is available at the village hall, as well as on roads throughout the village. **Please park considerately**, there will be a parking marshal directing traffic. Please lift share if possible.

To purchase your lunch and dinner vouchers please go online to:

<https://coaley-striking-competition.square.site/s/shop>

Online orders will close on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2025 at 6pm.

### **Nearby/local information**

Coaley has a [community shop](#) which sells newspapers, coffee and other essentials, there is a toilet and a small seating area at the back of the shop. The shop will be open from 9am-12midday.

Coaley has a nationally recognised pub/restaurant – [The Old Fox](#). If you wish to eat here you will need to book as it is very popular.

The nearest petrol station is in Cam – [Millwood spar Shell garage](#).

The nearest hospitals are in Cam ([The Vale](#) - Minor injuries only, open 8am-8pm) and in Gloucester ([Gloucester Royal](#) - A&E 24/7).

The nearest supermarkets are [Tesco in Cam](#) and [Sainsbury's in Dursley](#). Dursley also has a Lidl store and Iceland.

### **The bells of Coaley**

On the 22 August 1845 there was a church meeting in Coaley 'ale about the bells' where it was decided to augment the bells to a ring of six. A quotation for the work at £206 was obtained. Half of the money was to be paid on completion of the work; the remainder six months later. The first payment for the installation was 1 January 1846! 131 days after agreeing the decision to proceed.

By the end of the 20th century the installation had worn out and so the decision was taken to rehang the bells lower in the tower. Many months of preparatory work preceded placing

the order, in May 2003, for the bell hangers to commence their work and the first ring on the rehung bells took place in December 2003.