



## Parish Bell Tower Access Policy for St Mary & St Giles and All Saints Churches

1. At St Mary & St Giles: No access to the Church Tower roof is permitted except by the Church authorities, the appointed architect for the Parish Church, the Tower Captain, qualified maintenance personnel, and those responsible for maintaining the flying of flags. N.B. Tower Tours involving access to the church tower roof are not permitted by our Insurers.
2. At All Saints: Tower Tours including access to the Church Tower roof are permitted, but there are restrictions on the numbers of people in any one tour. No access may be granted for tours without 'heras fencing' being securely in place around all four sides of the tower parapet.
3. No person under the age of 18 may have access to the church tower without the consent of the Rector and Churchwardens. When such access is granted such persons must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.
4. Where access is requested of the Rector and Churchwardens for the purposes of training those under the age of 18 as bellringers, written consent is required from parents or legal guardians.
5. At all times those granted access to either Church Tower must abide by the Parish's 'Bell Tower Health & Safety Policy,' copies of which are available in each Church Tower.
6. Visiting Bellringing Teams must ensure that those in charge of their groups have been cleared by the Disclosure and Barring Service; and ensure that they abide by the Church of England and Diocese of Oxford's Safeguarding Policies and Regulations.
7. If you are involved with teaching young people then you should read the Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers Safeguarding Policy – copies of which are in each Church Tower
8. Visiting Ringers are required to complete a 'Permission to Ring' Form – with, if necessary, the signed consent for those being trained under the age of 18. Copies are available in each Church Tower.