

ASLM Tower report 2025

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Numbers have remained steady throughout the year with around 8-9 regular ringers on Tuesday evening practices and 6 or 7 ringers for Sunday services. We have had enough ringers to ring the bells most Sundays of 2025.

Michael Moore helps with teaching on the first Tuesday of each month and this has been a huge bonus and help to everyone for learning and general progress. A couple of others also come regularly to boost numbers on both practice nights and for Sunday service ringing and this is very helpful and much appreciated. Another ringing teacher Colin Woodley plans to start coming monthly along with Michael to help teach learners and to enable more method ringing etc

A Quarter Peal for International Women's Day was rung in March 2025.

On a beautiful sunny day in May 2025 several of the ringing team also took part in a ringing challenge to gain a place in the Guineas Book of Records. A world first was achieved ringing at Charlton church as we joined ringers from all over Britain for this event. A mini-ring and beer festival were set up in the village hall and a well-earned drink and cake was enjoyed after taking part in the challenge.

As part of the village VE day commemoration events a Tower Open Day was held during the weekend in May. This was well-attended with around 100 visiting ringers and locals coming into the tower.

We had no weddings during 2025 partly due to the church refurbishment and also due to Tudor's retirement. However, we did have several visiting bands from other towers and other parts of the country. This is a useful source of income for us and also a huge help when we get to ring with and learn from those who visit.

A new carpet and painting of part of the walls has smartened up the tower again. We have also refreshed the bellringing section of the website.

Thank you to everyone in All Saints who help, encourage and support us throughout the year, it is much appreciated.

Ann