

Welcome to Coventry Cathedral, a 12 bell eliminator venue 2011.

Base for the day

The building being used for all but the ringing is a two minute walk from the tower. It is

Holy Trinity Church Centre
5a Priory Row, CV1 5EX

It is marked on the map. The entrance is through the Green door tucked into the corner from the only direction of approach.

This will be the venue for draw, refreshments, some toilet facilities and results.

Programme for the day

1100 – Welcome, introduction and draw

1130 – First band commences ringing

1500 – Last band finishes ringing

1600 or as soon as possible afterwards – results

We will be serving a varied menu of food during the day.

From 1030 coffee/tea/squash and this will be available all day

1145 – 1400 Hot soup and filled rolls

1400 onwards – traditional ringers tea fare of cakes etc

Car Parking

There are several car parks signposted from ring road. There is no available car parking in the immediate vicinity of the Cathedral Tower. If you do find on street parking please do check carefully that it is not of limited duration or only available for disabled parking on a Saturday. The three car parks listed provide all day parking for £1, the first two are tucked away under bits of the ring road. Other car parks will be more expensive!

Lower Ford Street Car Park, nearest postcode CV1 5QB. It is off the mini roundabout that has four or five other roads at it, the entrance is diametrically opposite the Vauxhall garage.

Grove Street Car Park (off Cox Street), nearest postcode CV1 5PH. This is at the back of some University buildings and has a student union building – 54 – is on the corner of the turning. There may be height access problems if using a tall minibus!

Whitefriars Car Park, nearest postcode CV1 2DS. This at the top of Whitefriars Street and the entrance is more or less straight on when you reach the top. It is not the car park on the right as you progress up the street which is for the University sports centre.

The major car park convenient for the Cathedral is Pool Meadow, the entrance to which is from the traffic lights a very short drive from Lower Ford Street.

All car parks given are less than 10 minutes walk from the venue.

Other Travel

Coventry rail station is 15 minutes walk from the Cathedral

Pool Meadow Bus Station is over the road from the North end of the new Cathedral and 5 minutes walk to all the venues.

Public Houses and other eateries

The nearest to the venue is the Flying Standard (a Wetherspoon's) which provides all their standard facilities (eg breakfasts!) and this is shown on the map. There is also the Earl of Mercia (another Wetherspoon's) the other side of the Cathedral away from the main venue. The Whitefriars has the widest range of real ales and is located on Gosford Street, very close to Whitefriars Street and less than 10 minutes walk from the Cathedral. It is reputed to be the oldest pub in Coventry, with décor to match!

The City centre and main shopping areas are adjacent to the venue. All the standard fast food chains have outlets as well as many independent vendors. If you are offered a "batch", this is the local name for what you might know as a roll or bap.

Toilets

The main venue has full facilities including disabled access. There are others under the steps that link the old Cathedral ruins to the main South front of the new Cathedral (although these are not very salubrious). Benedicts Coffee shop, which is part of the Cathedral also has facilities. Others can be found in the town centre or pubs listed above.

Other attractions

In spite of wartime attempts, there are still some historic remains of the Mediaeval Coventry to be found in the Spon Street area.

The Cathedral has recently opened a new visitor centre with the entrance at the far end away from the tower and ruins. It does now (regrettably?) have an admission charge. We will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of its consecration next year (and also 25 years since the bells were hung for ringing).

Holy Trinity Church contains the internationally renowned early 15th century Doom painting above the Chancel arch well as other mediaeval features.

The Herbert, Coventry's museum and art gallery, is readily visible from the Cathedral's east side. It is free!

Also free is the Coventry Motor Museum, down the hill from the Flying Standard and has the Whittle Arch to help you spot it.

West Orchards and other pedestrianised areas provide ample opportunity for retail therapy.

There is also the covered market housed in its unique circular (1950s style concrete) building.

We wish the bands and their supporters from the Ancient Society of College Youths, Bristol, Exeter, Leeds, Norwich, St Martin's in the Fields and Towcester a pleasant day in Coventry with some enjoyable and rewarding ringing.

