



GRENFELL FOURTH ANNIVERSARY

27 May 2021

Dear friends,

As you will know, June 14th will mark the 4th anniversary of the Grenfell Tower fire, which was a major event in the recent history of London and the entire nation.

You may remember that last year, many churches across the nation rang their church bells 72 times at 6pm on 14th June. I know that this national act of remembrance was greatly valued by the Grenfell bereaved and survivors, and they have asked if it might be repeated this year. There is a sense that until some measure of justice and closure has been achieved through the Grenfell Public Inquiry, and particularly bearing in mind those who continue to be affected by the Cladding Crisis, it is important to keep the memory of Grenfell in the public consciousness, particularly as public acts of remembrance are still limited this year due to the restrictions on gathering due to the pandemic.

If you would like to take part in this act of remembrance, the idea is to ring church bells 72 times at 7 pm. This would initiate two minutes silence, after which there would be four more rings, one for each year since the fire itself. This will serve as a reminder to stop, reflect and remember those who lost their lives that day.

Of course, there is no compulsion to do this, and it is entirely optional. To help us keep a record of parishes doing this, please sign up on Eventbrite [here](#) to let us know if you are planning to join in.

If you plan to join in, we attach some resources which you can use to let others know that you're taking part:

1. We attach an A4 and an A3 poster that you can print out and put outside your church if you wish, or on your website to advertise the ringing of the bells, or just use the wording on the poster in your own way. We also attach a Facebook and a Twitter graphic for you to use. If you can use whatever social media channels you have to advertise that you are doing it, that will help people realise what the bells mean – please use the hashtag #RingforGrenfell
2. Different bells ring at different rates, so some will take longer to ring 72 times than others. The rough idea is to have the two minutes silence at 7.03 pm followed by the 4 final rings 2 minutes later. So you may have to work out how long it will take to ring your particular bell 72 times and that may mean starting slightly earlier than 7.00pm. I don't think we need to worry if the timing is not exactly right, but if we can aim for the silence at roughly 7.03 that would be ideal.

Many thanks again for considering joining in this event which hopefully will be a fitting way to continue to remember this tragedy, to honour those who died, and to keep alive the search for justice and resolution for all those affected.

With very best wishes