



## **BELL TOWER REPORT: 2015-2016**

- Our band of ringers goes from strength to strength with three new ringers being trained at the current time. Training normally takes 3-4 months to master basic rope control, this training is always done under supervision and a pupil is allowed to go solo when he or she is competent enough
- We have continued to ring every Sunday and for Festivals using St Martin's parishioners.
- We have recently had new Muffles Hand Made and so we can now half and fully muffle the bells for a more sombre occasion.
- Five of our ropes are currently away in Loughborough being refurbished. We hope to have them back in working order in the near future.
- There are 15 weddings this year at St Martin's. We can now stand firmly on our own two feet and can use all our members to ring, thus being totally self sufficient. A great accomplishment in a relatively short time.
- St Martin's Bells lay silent for many years; in early 2011 a very small band of ringers resurrected the beautiful sound calling parishioners to church. Our numbers have swelled and we are confident this will continue.
- Practice is on Wednesday nights from 19.45 – 21.15 in the Bell Tower

**Judith Roberts - Tower Captain**

