



Ringling the 'Climate 350'

Thanks for getting in touch, and for your interest in arranging bellringing to mark the international summit on climate change in Copenhagen.

We suggest you take the following steps to take part:

1. Get permission from your tower captain and the church's incumbent to ring at 3.00pm on Sunday 13 December (or another suitable time if this is not possible) for up to half an hour. If you are planning publicity, show them the model press release below.
2. Send an e-mail to gkm@wcc-coe.org to register your ringling with the World Council of Churches
3. Send an article to your local press and radio stations and to the church magazine. You can adapt the model provided below.
4. Decide how you are going to ring your 350 changes. We can recommend one of the touches of Grandsire set out below.

If you have any queries e-mail bells@operationnoah.org or call 01949 861516.

Many thanks and enjoy the ring!

PRESS RELEASE

Bellringers sound the alarm for climate change
Photo and audio story opportunity

As world leaders meet for a make-or-break summit on climate change, the bellringers of [name of church] are 'sounding the alarm'.

The World Council of Churches is asking churches across the globe to sound the gongs, bells, drums or conch shells which call their people to prayer. By ringing a touch of up to 350 changes [name of church]'s ringers will join colleagues world-wide to symbolise the decision the summit must take.

The length of the 'touch' refers to 350 parts per million, the safe upper limit for CO₂ in our atmosphere according to many scientists. Now the concentration has risen to 390 ppm, risking irreversible impacts such

as the melting of the Greenland ice sheet and major methane releases from increased permafrost melt.

[Name of organiser], who organised the ringing at [name of church] explains, 'Bells have been used throughout history to sound the alarm. In 1940, the nation's bells fell silent, only to ring again in the event of invasion. Today climate change is the biggest threat we face.

'World leaders simply can't put off the tough decisions they need to take any longer. Church leaders are urging them to hear that message. We're doing our bit to make sure they hear it loud and clear.'

Notes [delete any which do not apply]

1. For further information, contact [name and contact details of band's spokesperson, including mobile phone number if possible]
2. Representatives of the press wishing to take photographs or audio recording of the bellringing are welcome. Please make contact beforehand so that arrangements made for access to the belfry.
3. Britain's distinctive contribution to the worldwide ringing of bells is being planned by Operation Noah:
www.operationnoah.org

Suggested touches of 350 Grandsire

Grandsire Doubles (for 5 bells, or 6 with the tenor covering):

Call either of the following:	11 plain courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• two touches of 120 changes, and then• <i>either</i> a 'bob course' of 90 changes (i.e. calling a bob just before each time you make thirds unaffected), <i>or</i> 3 plain courses
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And then either of the following:	Two successive Singles for a touch of 20 changes	Two courses of Plain Hunt on 5
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Grandsire Triples (for 8 bells, with the tenor covering), call 5 plain courses, or a bob course.