

About the carillon

A carillon, an automatic system for chiming bells using hammers, has been in use at St Laurence's since at least 1683. It uses all 13 of St Laurence's bells. The mechanism displayed in the north aisle was installed in 1795 and very largely renewed in 1890. The church clock mechanism turned the huge wrought-iron cylinder and the projecting pins made hammers strike the bells. Since 1989 the electro-magnetic hammers have been computer-controlled.

The carillon plays seven tunes, one for each day of the week, 8am, 12 noon, 4pm and 8pm:

Sunday	Psalm 104 – Hanover
Monday	See the conquering hero
Tuesday	Bluebells of Scotland
Wednesday	Psalm 113
Thursday	My Lodging is on the cold ground
Friday	Let us life cherish
Saturday	Home sweet home

During important seasons in the church's year the carillon also plays at 10am and 2pm:

Advent:	Lo, he comes
Christmas:	Joy to the World
Epiphany:	Brightest and best
Lent:	Lord, Jesus think of me
Easter:	Jesus Christ is Risen Today

A winter curfew is still rung, beginning with 16 strokes for the 4 aldermen and 12 councillors of the 1837-1967 Borough Council.