

St Mary and St Nicholas, Leatherhead

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Car Parking

There is a pay-and-display car park behind the church hall across Church Road but this is often full during the day. Otherwise, parking is on side roads; try Dorking Road going down the hill from the church. Or, further away, a multi-storey off Leret Way.

A coach might get away with waiting in the bus stop on Dorking Road just below the church.

Toilets

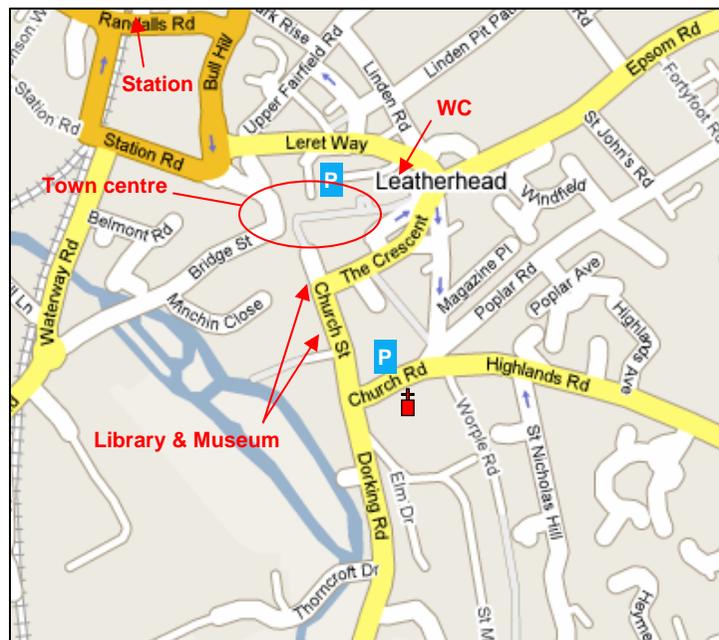
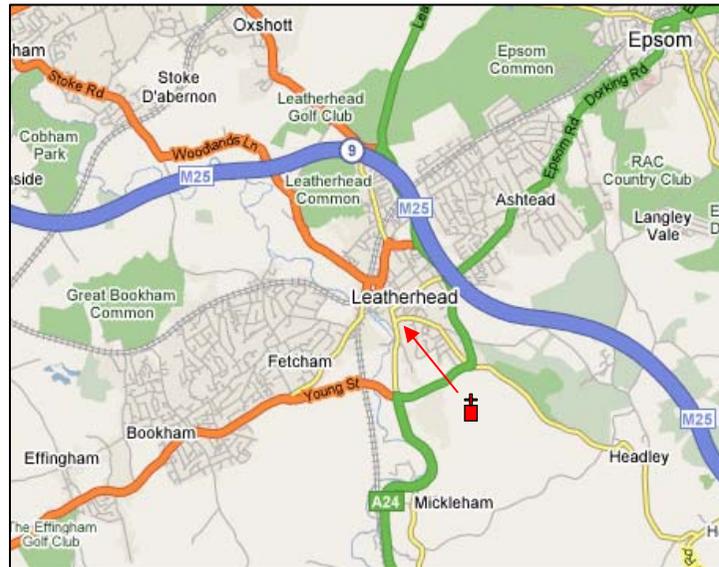
There are no toilets in the church. There are some in the church hall across the road. If this happens to be open for another event you can probably use them but the hall won't be opened automatically. Otherwise there are public toilets in the town centre, or Sainsbury's also in the town centre or one of the cafes.

Refreshments

There are numerous cafes/sandwich bars, four pubs, two Italian, an Indian and an American restaurant all in the town centre. Five minutes' walk, follow Church St. Or picnic in the nice public gardens immediately below the church.

For non-ringers

Wander round the church or graveyard (find Anthony Hope, "Prisoner of Zenda"); wander down to the river (footpath off Church St, or down Bridge St); get a coffee in the pedestrianised town centre; or if it's wet, browse in the public library or the local museum (on Church St).



Access

The main door to the church is the porch on the north side but for ringing we usually use the west door on the tower.

The ringing chamber is 44 steps up (and 4 down!) a spiral staircase. But once you get there it's plenty big enough for everyone.

The bells

Ten bells, tenor 19-0-12, treble 6-0-23. Reasonably large ringing circle, shortish draft, bells quite loud. Five Warner bells date from 1877, the rest are Mears/Whitechapel - the 9th (and the frame) from 1924, the remaining four from 1816. Bearings, wheels and pulleys refurbished by Nicholson in 2008, so they "go" well, even if the tuning isn't perfect...

<http://www.parishchurch.leatherheadweb.org.uk/bells.html>

The church

The oldest bits are 11th century, bits are 13th and 14th, there's a lot of 15th century, and a small amount of Victorian building. We have a daughter church (All Saints) and are now a United Benefice with Mickleham, and in a local Covenant with the Methodists and URC.