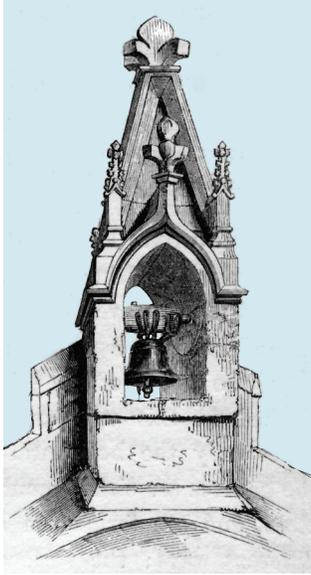


## An Anglican Glossary

### Sanctus / Sacring Bell



The Sacring bell has been in use since the 12<sup>th</sup> century to focus the people's attention. It is a practice in High Anglican Churches for the server to ring the bell when the priest stretches out his hands over the host and the chalice. It is usually rung three times, first before the Words of Institution, and again at each elevation of the Host and of the Chalice. In some churches it indicates the time for the faithful to receive Communion.

The Sanctus bell is important because it not only asks for our attention, but it is a sign of jubilation and thanksgiving for Christ's gift of Himself.



Sanctus bell, turret, Long Compton, Warwickshire. Below hand bells for use in the sanctuary.