

“除夜の鐘” (JOYA NO KANE)

BELL RINGING ON NEW YEAR'S EVE

In Christchurch



Date : 31 December 2019 (Tue.)

Time : 16:00-17:30

Venue : The World Peace Bell

in the Christchurch Botanical Garden

Please use the Riccarton Ave car park by the tennis courts

“JOYA NO KANE” is the bell ringing on New Year's Eve in Japan. Most temples in Japan ring their bells a total of 108 times at midnight of the last day of the year. It is said that the number 108 corresponds to the number of evil human desires. Every bell toll gets rid of our 108 worldly desires so that we can start the New Year feeling refreshed. Although it is originally a Buddhist ceremony, the “JOYA NO KANE” is now widely accepted over many years by most Japanese as one of their inherent cultural events held independently of religious rites to see out the old year.

Let's ring the World Peace Bell in Christchurch as “JOYA NO KANE” to wish for the coming peaceful New Year in a tranquil atmosphere, just before going to the New Year's Eve Party held in nearby Hagley Park !



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