

I was now realising how much I had been missing regular ringing and felt it was about time I went somewhere I could ring and be a tourist.

I noticed that having at one time been near the equator I was now near one of the other great circles of latitude.

What are the 5 great lines of latitude (parallels)? **The 5 are: Equator, 2 Tropics (Cancer and Capricorn) and the two cold circles (Arctic and Antarctic).**

Which one am I near? **Tropic of Capricorn.**

What is the significance of this line of latitude? **The tropics mark the northernmost and southernmost latitudes where the sun can be seen directly overhead during a solstice.**

<https://www.nationalgeographic.org/encyclopedia/latitude/>

When I look on the map I find that if I travel east along this line of latitude I eventually get to cross a huge island, the east coast of which is rich in bells, so I made my decision to travel there. What is the name of the huge island (some might say the largest island in the world). **Australia**

<https://www.worldislandinfo.com/CONTISLAND.html>

Before I go, I need to get some new luggage, mine has suffered a great deal from all my travels to date. I was just thinking what to buy when an idea came to me. I went back to my map. Yes there it was, very close to the line of latitude, well just south of it, was a place named after a British Prime Minister which was also the name of type of leather bag. **About 180km north of Bundaberg, the most northerly ring of bells on Australia's east coast is the town of Gladstone. It isn't quite on the Tropic of Capricorn, that privilege goes to Rockhampton a further 93km to the north. It was named after the man who later became Prime Minister William Ewart Gladstone.**

<https://www.britannica.com/place/Gladstone-Queensland> The piece of luggage I bought in Harare was a Gladstone bag, also named after Gladstone, the PM

<https://www.maxwellscottbags.com/journal/gladstone-travel-bag/>

I didn't have many belongings and so I bought one of these bags in Harare, before getting on my plane to follow the line of latitude as near as I could.

My plane journey ended in a large city with 2 rings of bells: a 12 and a 6. What city is this? The city is **Brisbane.**

Unfortunately I arrived late Monday night, the practice night for the 12 and far too late to ring.

<https://dove.cccbr.org.uk/dove.php?searchString=brisbane&Submit=+Go+>

But the practice for the 6 is a Tuesday and so it was I found myself the next evening on the tenor.

We pulled off to ring a touch of Grandsire, but the bells sounded rather odd; why? **Tuned to old concert pitch** <https://dove.cccbr.org.uk/detail.php?DoveID=BRISBANEST>

The bug was back and I didn't want to miss out on any ringing, but I still wanted to see the country. So the next morning saw me on a train just before 8, to take a 5 hour journey south. **The next ring south is in the town of Lismore. The journey is by train and bus.**

<https://www.rome2rio.com/map/Brisbane/Lismore#r/Train-bus> I could have travelled faster but wanted to see the coastal views.

I eventually arrived at my next bellringing destination about 1pm and went for a good look around. I didn't have long because the practice on the 8 started at 5.30, but I went along even earlier to help with the learners. <https://www.anzab.org.au/towers.php?tower=LIS>

The church was on a street with a name I more commonly associate with a piece of Handel's music, first written for the coronation of King George II, but has been used in every coronation since.

Where am I? **St Andrew's, Lismore on Zadoc St.**

What is the name of the piece of music? **Zadoc the Priest**

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Zadok_the_Priest

What is the weight of the tenor? **6-3-14** <https://dove.cccbr.org.uk/detail.php?DoveID=LISMORE>

Chatting in the pub afterwards I found that not only did the next tower South practice on a Thursday, but that one of the people I had rung with was actually from that tower and driving home the next day. The next morning we started early. We drove down the coast for nearly 3 hours and then turned inland to finish the journey. This part of the journey was particularly spectacular. At one point we crossed a river named after a famous English anarchist who in the early 17th century met a terrible end. Who was this? **Guy Fawkes (One man's freedom fighter!)**

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Guy_Fawkes_River

Shortly after we arrived in the next ringing city. At first I kept thinking I was in America, or at least a particular American State. Which and Why? **We travelled to Armidale which is an area known as New England and everywhere was called New England this and New England that.**

<http://www.armidaletourism.com.au/>

And that was how I rang in a cathedral on a Thursday.

Where am I and what was the name of the cathedral. **St Peter's Anglican Cathedral, Armidale**

<https://www.stpetersarmidale.org.au/> <http://www.armidaleanglicandiocese.com/>

<https://dove.cccbr.org.uk/detail.php?DoveID=ARMIDALE> **There is also a Catholic Cathedral in Armidale, without ringable bells** <http://smjcathedral.org.au/> **but a rather jolly building nonetheless.**

I was asked if I would like to ring a quarter peal of 5 spliced surprise major that Saturday and so I rested for a couple of days before starting my travels again. We got our quarter. It was the standard 8 minus two port cities and a one eyed bear. What methods did we ring? **Well the standard 8** <http://www.cambridgeringing.info/Methods/Major/TrebleDodgeIndex.htm> **consists of Bristol, London, Pudsey, Cambridge, Yorkshire, Superlative, Lincolnshire and Rutland. Of those the port cities are London** <http://www.pla.co.uk/> **and Bristol** <https://www.bristolport.co.uk/> **and, of course, the one eyed bear is Pudsey.** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0z2YFd5NGR0>