

Canonical Hours

One way medieval people kept track of time was through the ringing of bells on a schedule that varied depending on when and where you were. The timetable was tied to the season, often down to the month. For simplicity's sake, what appears below is an approximation of how time might have been kept in a walled town in thirteenth-century Wales.

Hour	Summer	Winter
Matins	2:00 am	6:30 am
Prime	3:30 am	8:00 am
Tierce	6:30 am	9:30 am
Sext	9:30 am	11:00 am
Nones	12:30 pm	12:30 pm
Vespers	7:00 pm	3:00 pm
Compline	9:30 pm	6:00 pm