


YOUR NAME _____ Start the trail at the grey arrow. Follow the numbers from 1-14.

1 THE PORCH


Find 1 on the plan. You are at the entrance (porch).
Draw the shape of the doorway
in this **BOX**.



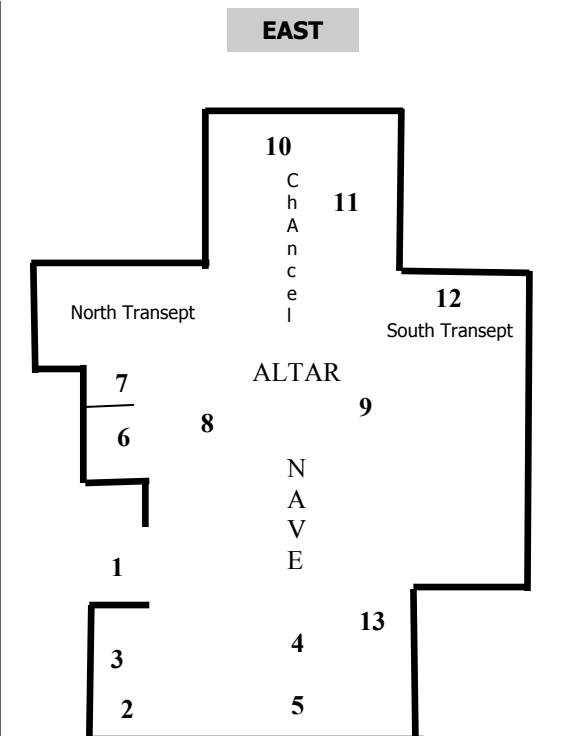
7 THE CHEST

The chapel of All Saints is at 7 on the plan.
It has a very large old chest.
How many locks does it have?.....
Why do you think it has so many locks?
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2 THE TOMB



There is a tomb near the entrance
(at 2). Who is buried there?
.....
How many children did they have?
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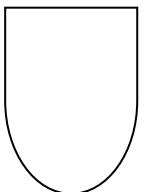
6 ST. GEORGE'S CHAPEL



St George's chapel is on the
North wall of the Church. Mark
where you found his statue with a
cross on the plan. What is he
killing?
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3 THE SHIELDS

There are two shields on the
tomb. Name two things you
can see on them.
1.....
2.....
Draw a shield that your
family might have.



4 THE FONT

The font is at the back of the nave at 4.
It is used for baptism. What shape is the
bowl?
.....
What would be put in the font?
.....
Draw a flower from the decoration around it.



5 THE WEST WINDOW

The West window shows the
story of Joseph from the Old
Testament. What can you see
that tells you he is in Egypt?
1.....
2.....
3.....

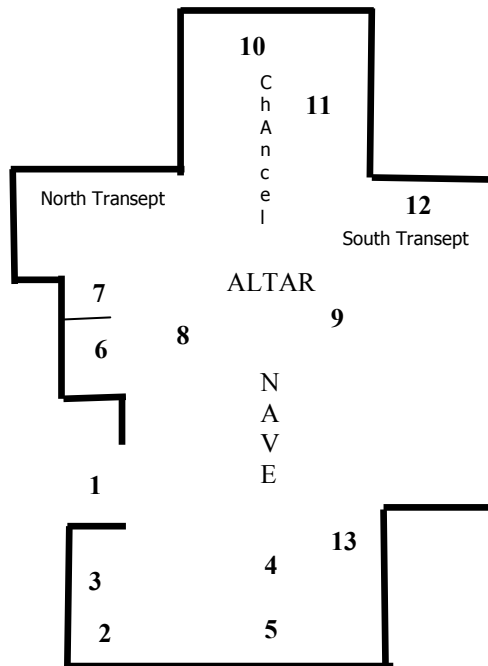
8 THE LECTURN



At 8 on the plan is a stand (lectern). What book might be found on this for a Church Service?.....

What bird does it show?..
.....

Is it made of (tick one)
a. brass.... b. wood
c. stone.....?



9 THE GOOD SAMARITAN

The story of the Good Samaritan is shown at 9 on the plan. This is a plaster work picture set in the wall

How has the Samaritan travelled?.....

What shows you that this happened in a hot country?
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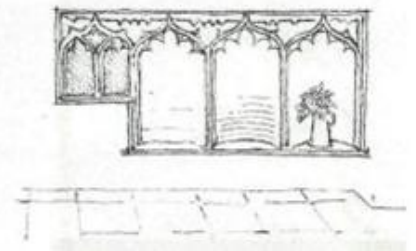
10 THE EAST WINDOW

Walk to the East window by the altar. Look to your left.

Who is this again in the window next to the big window?!
.....

11 WHAT CAN THIS BE?

There are little arches in the wall at 11 on the plan. Can you see?
What might the three biggest be for?
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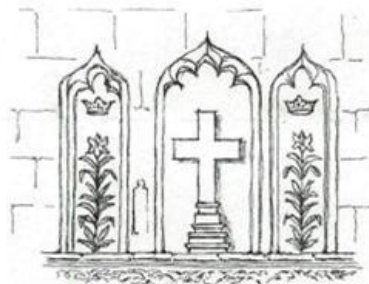


12 SAINT MARY'S CHAPEL

The chapel of St Mary is at 12. Which colour is special to St. Mary?
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Her flower is the lily.
Can you find a lily in the All Saints' Chapel?

Yes/No.



13 THE MEMORIALS

There are some memorials (stone tablets) on the wall to remember local people

Some of the plaques are written in (tick one)

- a. Greek... ..
- b. French.... .
- c. Latin.....



14 THE CORBELS



Look up .



There are many small stone faces at the end of the rafters on the roof
Draw the funniest in the box

ST.MARY'S CHURCH, WITNEY, OX28 4AW

Trail answers and Explanatory notes for Parents and Teachers

Child's answers are in bold. Further information is for interest and discussion.

The Church is dedicated to St Mary, the Mother of Jesus. There has been a church on this site for almost 900 years. There are some relics (remains) of the earlier churches. You can see a stoup (a small basin for holding water to wash the chalice (cup) after the Service of Communion) on the South wall low down by the door. There is also half an arch to the left of the porch door. This could have been the entrance to an ossuary (bone-house).

The church looks very impressive at the end of the Green. The spire is very tall with a weather-vane shaped like a cockerel. This shows the direction of the wind. It also refers to the story that St Peter said that he did not know Jesus three times before the break of day, when the cock crowed when he was questioned by Roman soldiers. The top of the spire has been very unlucky. A storm blew it off in 1900 and an RAF pilot knocked it off in World War 2.

1. The Porch **The porch has a round Norman arch.** There are some empty niches (places set back on both sides and over it) that would have once contained the statues of Saints.

2. The Tomb **The Wenman family is buried here. Richard Wenman had two wives and five children..** He was a wool merchant who in the effigy (likeness) is wearing a fur-lined gown and has a purse on his belt. He died in 1534.



3. The Shields These are heraldic shields which show symbols of the Wenman family. **You can see lions and anchors.** The lions show that the family was powerful and the anchors show that much of the family's wealth came from trading overseas. Parts of the shields have worn away.



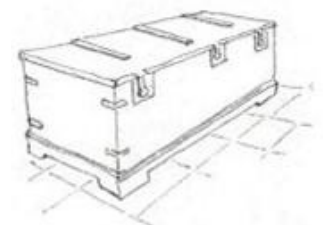
4. The Font **The bowl of the font is circular. Water would be put in the font for a Baptism** (a ceremony which welcomes the child into the Church). The font is lined with lead so that the water does not damage the stone. The font is held up on false pillars and there is a lovely wreath of roses and acanthus leaves running round the outside of the bowl.



5. The West (Joseph) window **You can see the small Egyptian tomb, palm tree fronds and a camel.** This window tells the story of Joseph, the favourite son of Jacob from the Old Testament. His 12 brothers were jealous and sold him into slavery in Egypt. Joseph did well there and impressed the Pharaoh by predicting a famine. This made the people store grain for when it came. Joseph became Pharaoh's steward and was eventually reconciled with his brothers (despite their trickery) and with a new brother, Benjamin.

6. St. George **St. George is killing a dragon.** This chapel is used for quiet prayer. The statue of St. George is a modern one and symbolises the overcoming of evil. In this chapel you can also see a stained glass window with Jesus as the Good Shepherd. Do have a look at the plaque on the wall which is a memorial to Henry Box who founded the school nearby in 1660.

7. The Chest **The chest has three separate locks to make sure that nobody could take anything from it.** This chest is very old, about 600 years! The Rector and the two Churchwardens would have had one key each that they would have to agree to use together. In earlier times, the Church was almost the only place where valuable objects could be safe. This chest will have stored Church vestments (garments) and other treasures.

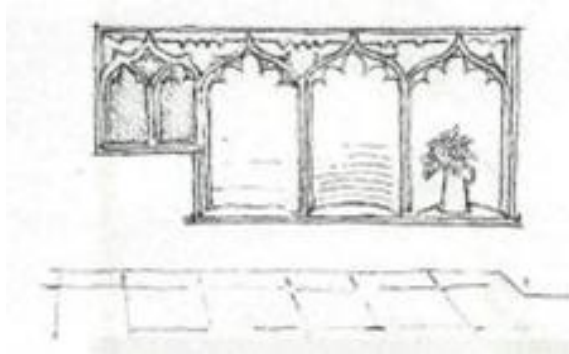


8. The Lectern **The lectern is made of wood and would hold the Bible during services.** The lectern is made of wood and shows an eagle with his claws around an orb (ball) which represents the Earth. The eagle was chosen as it was thought to be the bird that flew highest and therefore nearest to Heaven.

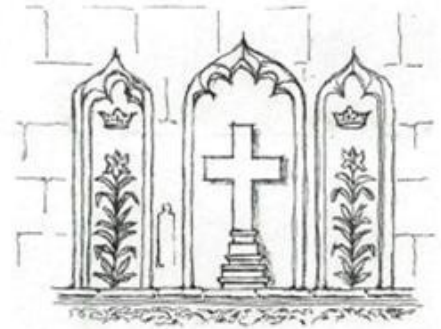


9. The Good Samaritan **The Good Samaritan travelled on a donkey.** It shows a parable (story with a message) that Jesus told. He was asked what a good neighbour was. He told how a Hebrew traveller was attacked. The only one who stopped to help him was a Samaritan who was looked upon by the Hebrews. A good neighbour is one who helps regardless of who people are. This group of figures was dedicated to Dr Edward Batt of The Batt School in Witney.

10. The East Window **The small window by the altar shows St. George (again).** The other smaller windows show St. Peter with his attribute (special symbol) of a key and St Cecilia with her attribute of a musical instrument. The big East window shows events from the life of Jesus.



11. Sedilia **The priests could sit in these low moulded seats.** They were probably put there in the fourteenth century. Next to the seats is a piscina (a basin with a drain for washing special vessels used in the service) and an aumbrey (a little cupboard for the blessed wine and wafers used in the Communion Service).



12. St Mary's Chapel **Blue is the colour which is special to Mary.** Here you can see the tiny modern statue of St Mary made by Andrew Logan. St Mary's attribute (see 10) is the lily which you can find in the All Saints' Chapel in a double recess. This chapel is also called the Chapel of the Annunciation after the time the angel announced she would give birth to Jesus.

13. Wall memorials. **Some of the memorials are written in Latin.** They commemorate local people. If you walk over to the Wenman tomb, you can find a little plaque on the floor which remembers a small child. It is a not very convincing picture of a skull and two tiny bones. Many children died young in earlier centuries.

14. The corbels **Do look at each other's favourites.**



There are 4 corbel heads in the Nave, 3 in the side chapel with the memorials and 5 in the side chapel where the tomb is. However, whatever you have chosen will not be as funny as the two stone images with their tongues out in St George's Chapel.

Extra question:

Animals to be found in the church are a lion, a donkey, a snake and a goat. These are in the East window and the West (Joseph) window.

Fruits to be found in the church are grapes, ears of corn, apples and cherries. These too are also to be found in the East and West window. Give yourself a clap if you can see a single blackberry at the bottom of the central panel of the East window

We hope that you have enjoyed this trail. Thank you for taking part