

ST MARY THE VIRGIN, SAWSTON CAMBRIDGESHIRE, CB22 3JR

Trail for children (with accompanying adults)

Answers and Explanatory Notes are also available

YOUR NAME

To complete the trail,
follow the numbers from 1–14.

1 FONT

Find the font. What is put in it?

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When is it used?

How many sides are there? ☐

What shape is it?

a pentagon ☐

a hexagon ☐

an octagon ☐



2 GRAFFITI

Find some old graffiti on the westernmost column in the south aisle. Draw any shapes that you can see.

Who do you think might have made the graffiti?

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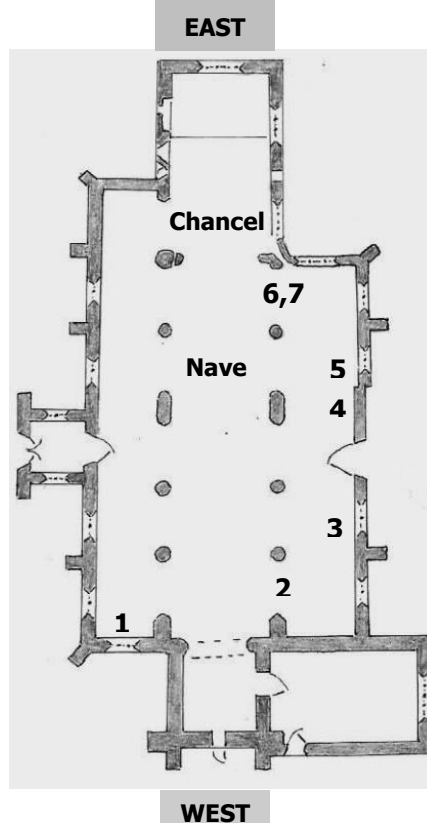
3 WINDOWS OF ST MARY & ST JOHN

Find the stained glass window of St Mary the Virgin. St Mary is holding a flower.

What type of flower is it?

Find the stained glass window of St John the Evangelist. St John is shown with a bird.

What type of bird is it?



4 MEMORIAL BRASSES

There are several brasses on the south wall.

Find one brass showing a family with some children.

How many children are there?

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Are they boys or girls?

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What can you see that shows there were other children in the family?

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5 WINDOW OF ST PETER

Find the stained glass window of St Peter. He is holding two keys.

What do the keys symbolise?

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6 SQUINTS

On either side of the arch between the choir and the chancel there are holes in the stone, known as squints. What do you think they were for?

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7 CARVED HEAD

Above the squint on the south or right-hand side of the arch is a carved head. From what is on its head, what type of person do you think it is?

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8 LECTERN

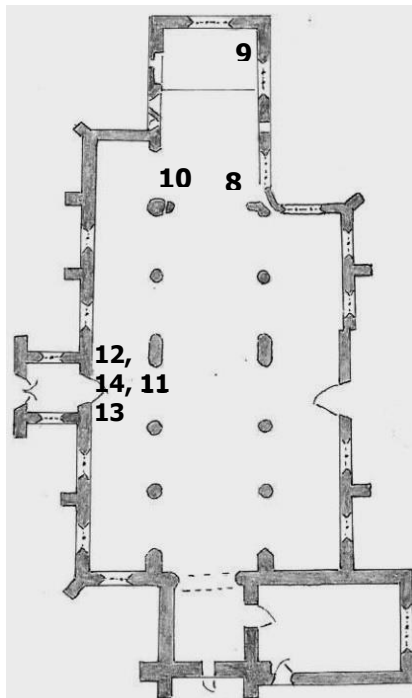
A lectern is a book stand.
Look at the bird.

What type of bird is it?

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What is it standing on?

What book do you find on the lectern?

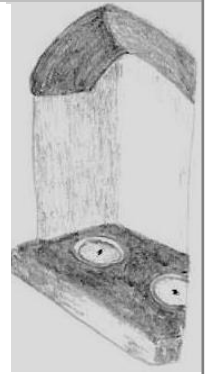


9 PISCINA

In a niche to the right of the main altar is a bowl with a drain hole.

This is called a piscina.

What do you think this might be used for?



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10 CURTAINS

The tapestry curtains over the entrance to the vestry were designed and made by the congregation. They show a number of Christian symbols.

How many of these symbols can you find?

Jonah's whale

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Noah's ark

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Fish (a secret early Christian symbol)

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11 WAR MEMORIALS

On the column by the main or north door are memorials to the men from Sawston who died in 20th century wars. How many Sawston men died in:

World War One?

World War Two?

When did the Korean War end?

Sadly, some families lost more than one member in the wars. Which family lost four members?

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12 JOAN OF ARC

On the same column as the War Memorials by the north door there is a carving of Joan of Arc (*Jeanne d'Arc*).

What do you think Joan's 'job' was? Why?

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13 COAT OF ARMS

Above the north door is a carving. The correct term for this type of carving is a heraldic achievement. Which animals are holding the coat of arms?

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Whose heraldic achievement do you think it is?

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14 VICARS OF SAWSTON

Find the list of the vicars of St Mary the Virgin, Sawston near the north door.

Who was the first recorded vicar?

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What date did he become vicar?