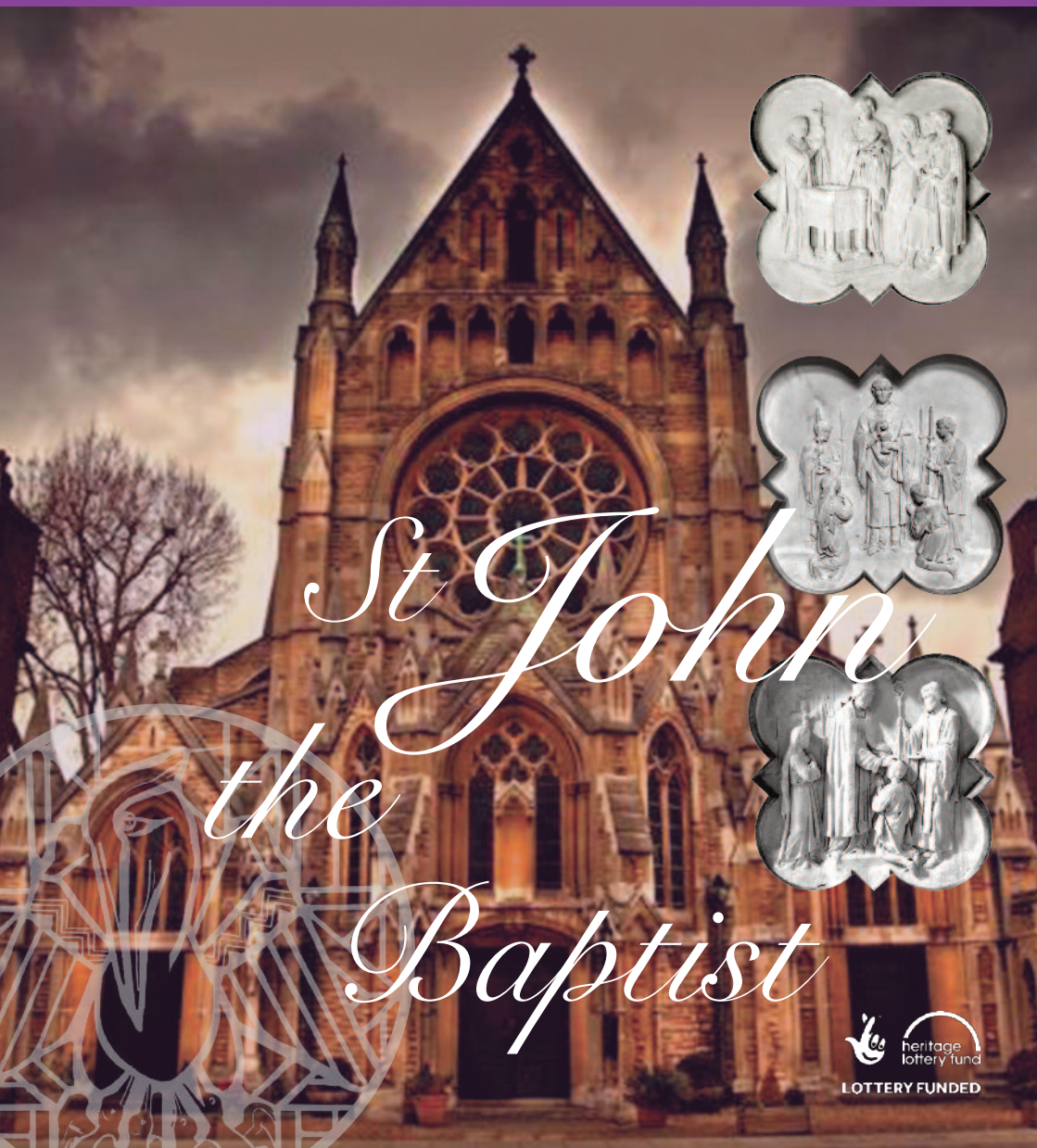


# Saint John the Baptist

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## Heritage Trail



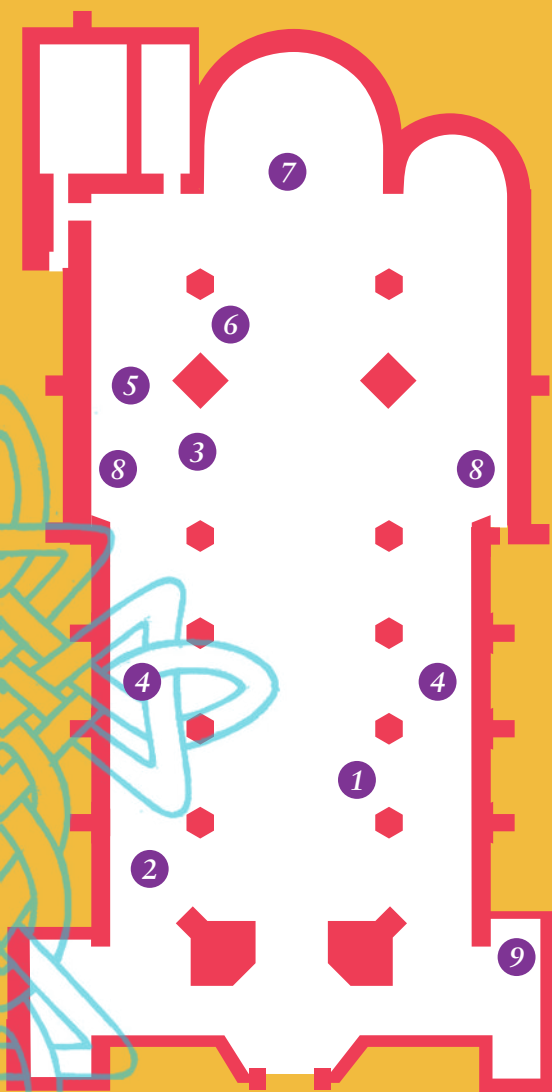
*St John  
the  
Baptist*



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## *St John the Baptist*

Like all churches, St John the Baptist was built so people could gather to worship, celebrate and contemplate God and the Christian faith. It faces east towards the rising sun of a new day.



Entrance





**CAN YOU SEE...**

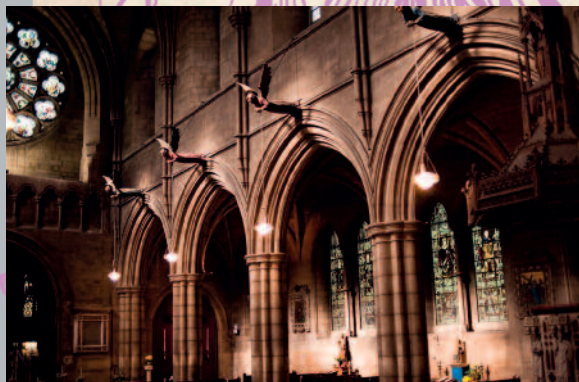


**...the angels holding up the lights?**



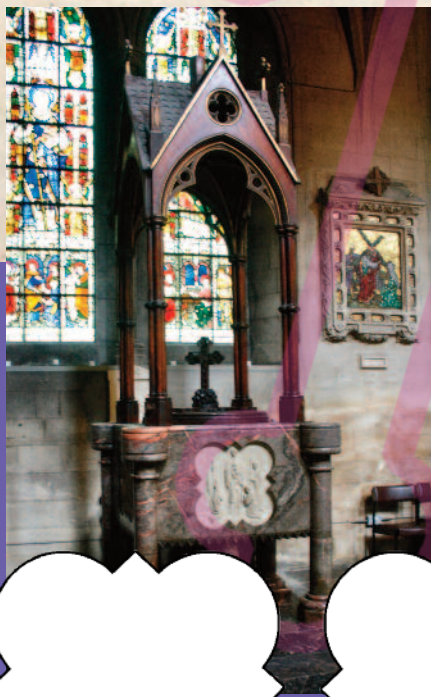
**HOW MANY**

**angels can you see?**



## *Starting the Journey*

The Christian faith is an adventure. It is a journey into the mystery of the love of God. The Christian journey starts at baptism. The font is used during baptisms, a sign of new life in Christ, when individuals are welcomed into the family of the Church. For this reason it is placed near the entrance of the church. The journey is best done within a community where people of different ages, genders and backgrounds may find encouragement and companionship.



## THE FONT

### CAN YOU DRAW

the four images on the font?

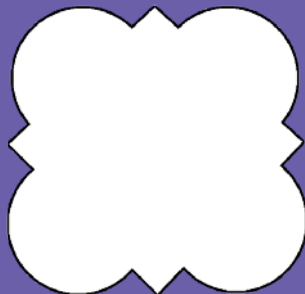
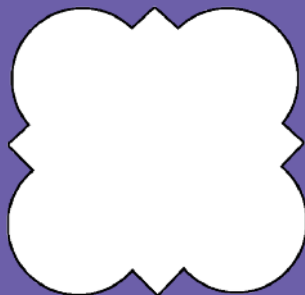
They include:

**Baptist**

**Confirmation**

**Holy Communion**

**Confession**



## *Hearing the Story of Faith*

Christians attempt to live their lives according to Jesus's teaching, which is found in the Bible.

**Can you see the eagle?** This is where the Gospel reading is read. It is said that the eagle was the only bird capable of staring directly into the sun as it flew; it was thought that Christians should have the same fixed view on God as they listened to scripture.

**Fact file:** The Christian Bible is made up of 66 books. 39 of them form the Old Testament which is also known as the Hebrew Scriptures and is the holy book for the Jewish faith. The remaining 27 make up the New Testament.



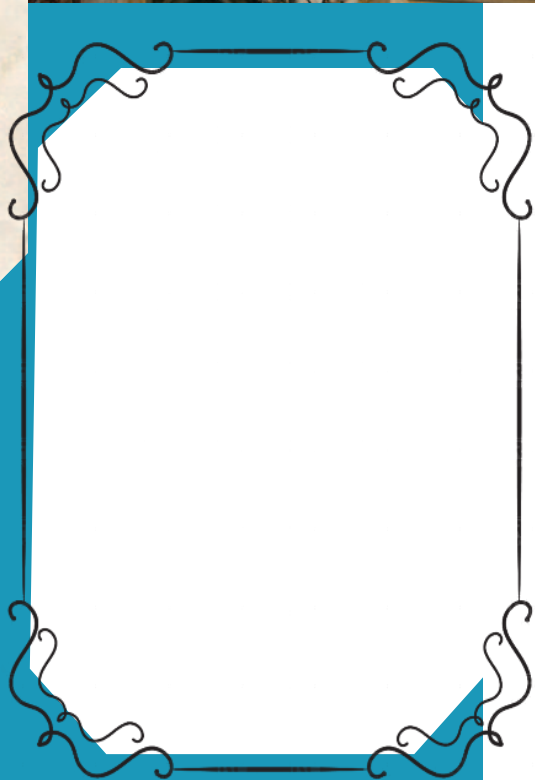
## DESIGN YOUR OWN BIBLE STAND

What would you include:

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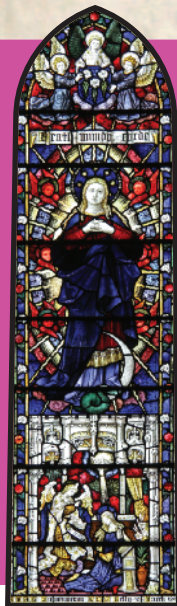


## *Sharing the Journey*

We are reminded that we are not alone on our journey of faith. Other people, saints, have gone before us. Some of them are depicted in stained glass. They are 'paintings in glass'.

**Fact file:** have you noticed the difference between the saints along the right (south) and left (north) sides of the church?

Have you spotted a horse (there are two) and a donkey along the left side?



## CAN YOU DESIGN

your own stained glass window?

## ST JOHN THE BAPTIST STATUE



## You can Pray Anywhere

You don't have to be in church! Many Christians find it helpful to light candles in front of saints to help them pray. You don't have to use words, stopping to pause in silence as you bring your joys and sorrows before God.

**Fact file:** The most famous verbal prayer is the Lord's Prayer. It teaches the Fatherhood of God, and God's care for people's daily needs for food, for forgiveness and for faith. The traditional version is:



*Our Father,  
who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
on earth as it  
is in heaven.  
Give us this day  
our daily bread.  
And forgive us our  
trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not  
into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.*



If you would like to pray, try lighting a candle and making up a prayer.





## *Inspired by Music*

When people care about something, they often want to sing about it - you only need to go to a football game at the Emirates, White Hart Lane or Stamford Bridge to know that! Christians are no different. We gather day by day and week by week to sing Psalms from the Bible, classic hymns and contemporary songs. It is an important way of expressing how we feel about God and his world.

What musical instruments

# CAN YOU SEE?

(Hint: They are high up above the benches)

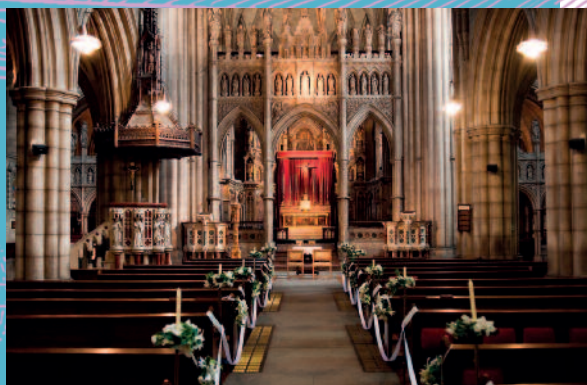


## *Being Nourished for the Journey*

The main altar of this church is found in the sanctuary, the most sacred and special part of the whole building. Altars are used during 'the Mass' when Christians remember the Last Supper Jesus shared with his disciples before he was put to death by crucifixion. Every Sunday we celebrate this meal in which bread and wine is blessed and shared. Many believe that in this simple meal Jesus Christ is present.

**HOW MANY**  
altars can you find in the church?

## ALTAR



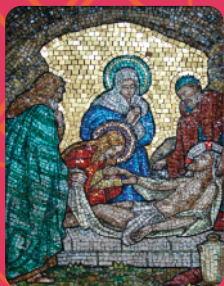
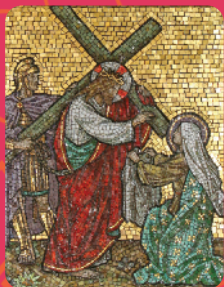
# STATIONS OF THE CROSS



## *The Journey to the Cross*

During Lent, Christians walk slowly through the church praying the Stations of the Cross. They can do this alone or with a group. Each of the stations stands for the events leading up to Jesus's death on Good Friday.

These mosaics are made from tiny tiles shaped like a cube.



## HOW MANY

stations can you find?

(Clue: they start from the left side  
and end on the right)

**Fact file:** this prayer is usually said at each station.  
'We adore you O Christ and we praise you, because  
by Your Holy Cross You have redeemed the world.'



## *Stained Glass Living out the Faith*

Having been encouraged through reading the Bible and nourished through the holy meal, we are sent out in to the world to live lives transformed by God's love, and show forth in our daily lives God's compassionate love for all.

Can you find the stained glass window with a pelican? (clue: it's in the room where there are lavatories and kitchen.)

**Fact file:** the story is of a mother pelican who, in times of famine, pecks her own breast to feed its young using its own blood. A pelican became a popular symbol for Christ

