

Church Visit

Welcome to the church. Take a few minutes before you get into the work to pause Think of all the generations of people who have been in this church before you.....Think of all the happy occasions, the sad occasions, Sunday services, services during the week, carol services, weddings, funerals, baptisms.

Look at the door. Is it like the door of any other building you know? Look up at the height of the church. What other buildings are as tall as the church? How high do you think the church is?

Now go into the church. Stop and look all around you and write down some words to describe the church building. Then write down one question that you have right now.



Listen to the rector as s/he tells you a little about the church. Write down two facts that you find interesting or would like to know more about.

1.....

2.....

Draw a sketch of the church and label the main furniture you see.

Use the word box if you are unsure of the names....

Font: place where babies are baptised

Communion Table: at the front of the church
...for Holy Communion

Lectern: Where the Bible is read

Pews: Seats for the people

Nave: main part of the church

Prayer desk: from where the
rector may read the service

Choose one item of furniture in the church and investigate it further.

Draw it. Show where it is located? What is it made of? Is there a date on it? What happens there? Write down a few facts. Write down a question you would like an answer to.

My picture

Facts and question

Walk around the church and challenge your friend with 4 questions you have the answers to. Look for names on memorial tablets, look at any windows, look up as well as down.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Churches are historic buildings and are special places because of their history, all the people that have sat in the same seats, looked at the same windows and prayed to God.

Churches are also sacred spaces. That means they are buildings which are special places to worship God. This can involve singing hymns, saying prayers, listening to the Bible and receiving Holy Communion. I wonder if there is a part of the church that you think is a special place for you. It might be a peaceful place, a place that seems holy or sacred, a place that is comfortable or a place that is interesting.

Write about why it is a special place. Draw the special place.

A large, empty rectangular box with a thick black border, intended for a student to draw or write about a special place in a church.

As we get ready to leave the church you might like to say a prayer in your head or with the class or to reflect on things that are special to you.

