

ST SWITHUN'S CHURCH, NATELY SCURES HAMPSHIRE RG27 9PH

Trail for children (and accompanying adults)

Answers and Explanatory Notes are also available

YOUR NAME

Follow the numbers from 1-15.

1 DOORWAY

Stand outside the door and look at the round arched Norman doorway.

Tick how many years old you think the arch is.

About 100 ☐ About 500 ☐ About 800 ☐

The arch is curved and beautifully decorated.

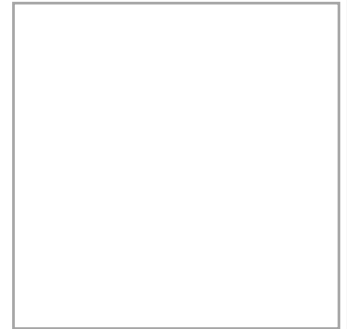
Draw one of the patterns in this box:



6 APSE

Find the altar table at the EAST end of the church.

What is the main Christian symbol at the back of the Altar ?



What is the main colour of the cloth on the front of the Altar today?

Now look down. Draw your favourite tile here↑

2 CARVING AT ENTRANCE

Look at the column on the left of the doorway.

At the top of it (the capital) is a carving.



Find a strange sea creature here.

It is a mythical creature, half lady, half fish.

It is a m _ _ _ _ _ .

Now go into the church.

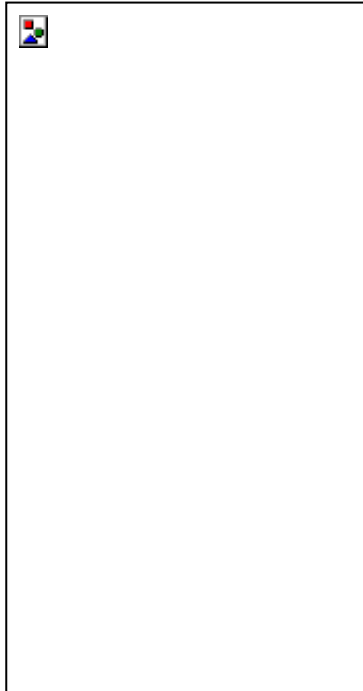
The carving outside is a copy.

The original carving is worn by the weather and is inside now to protect it. Find it at the back of the church in a corner.

Mark where it is on the plan with an M.

Then ask your guide to tell you about the legend of Nately Scures.

EAST



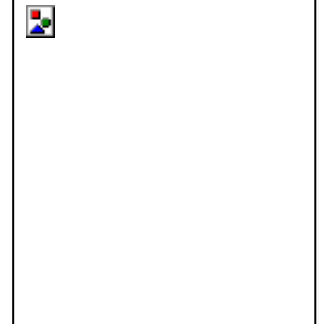
5 PULPIT

Near the EAST end of the church are three stone desks

The highest on the north side is called the pulpit.



This is where the preacher speaks to the people. Why do you think it is so high?



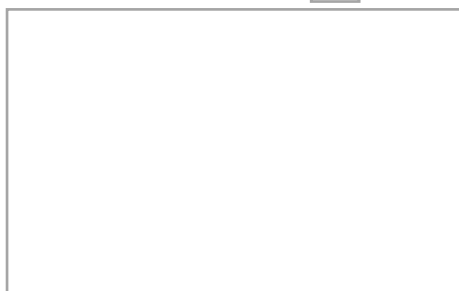
Prayers and announcements are made from the other 2 reading desks. What book is read from the brass lectern?

WEST

3 FONT

Find the font. What is put into the font for a baptism when someone is made a member of the Church?

Is the top of the font a circle ☐ or a hexagon (6 sided)? ☐



In this box, draw part of the pattern from the outside of the font.

4 NAVE

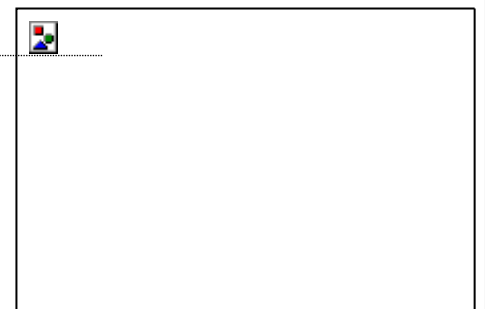
Sit down in the middle of the church.

You are in part of the church called the NAVE.

Look up at the roof. What does it remind you of?



Clue:
Nave comes from NAVIS.
NAVIS is Latin for ship.



7 AUMBRY

To the left (north) side of the altar, behind the Pulpit, is a little wooden door.

This is a special secure cupboard, called an 'AUMBRY'.

Mark it with an **A** on the plan here.

What do you think might be kept behind this locked door? It is

B _ _ _ d and W _ _ _

8 EAST WINDOW

As you stand in front of the Altar, look up at the East window.

This shows Christ on the cross.

Write down the letters on the scroll

above Jesus' head:- I _ _ I

This stands for 'Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews.'

EAST



9 OTHER WINDOWS

Find the other three stained glass windows.

Around the head of Christ, in each window, there is a halo or nimbus to show the glow of heavenly light.



The halo around Christ often has a cross in it.

What is the colour of the cross?

Find a window with two animals shown in it.
What are they?

10 STONE MEMORIALS

Turn towards the door and then look at the north wall on the right of it.

Look at the memorials made of pale marble edged with black.

What does the shape of four of them remind you of?



11 BRASS MEMORIALS

Find a memorial with the name

General Thomas Carleton

Mark its position with a **T** on the plan.

What can you see on top of the shield?

Who erected (put in place) this memorial?

Where do you think New Brunswick is?

12 HASSOCKS (KNEELERS)

Look at the needlework hassocks (kneelers).

Find a kneeler with the Greek symbols **Α** (Alpha) and **Ω** (Omega).

What is the symbol in between **Α** and **Ω**?

Alpha means beginning and Omega means end.



There are two kneelers showing three fish linked together, like this:-

A fish was one of the first Christian symbols.

Complete the drawing of the fishes.

13 WAR MEMORIAL

Look for the memorial dedicated to the men of Nately Scures who were killed in the Great War.

How many names are on the memorial?



What are the dates of the Great War?

_____ to _____

14 ST SWITHUN

Sit down quietly in the Nave and write down what you liked best in this church and why.

Now, ask your guide to tell you about another legend, the legend of St Swithun. The story is in the Answers.

15 BELFRY

Before you leave the church, look for the bell ropes. The fluffy bit is called a SALLY. **Don't touch them!** Count the ropes and then go outside.

Now look up at the belfry (the little house on the roof). How many bells can you see?



Is this the same as the number of ropes? Yes/No
If it's not raining, walk around the outside of the church. How many doors are there into it?

