

DRAGONS AND THINGS!



You would expect a church to have pictures and carvings of Jesus, Saints and Angels, and so has the Cathedral, but if you look very carefully around, you will see many odd creatures who have also crept in...

Follow the path marked on the plan of the Cathedral to find the answers to the questions...

1. Opposite the Chantry Chapel is a memorial to William Gerard Byron. What creature can you find on top of his memorial? Write its name in the space below.

2. Look up at the stained glass window over the door. In the middle of the lower part of the window, there is a coat of arms for a king. On one side, there is a lion, what is on the other side?

What is on its head?

3. On your left is the memorial of a Bishop. What is lying at his feet?

What is it doing?

4. Walk through the South Transept and up the steps. Look at the second window on your right. In the centre of the second row of glass is St George. What is he doing?

What colour is the creature?

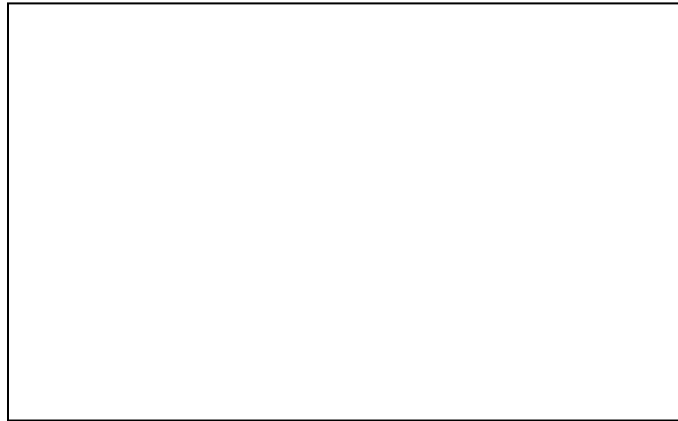
5. In the next window, very high up on the left, you will see an archangel called St Michael, fighting something very ugly! What do you think it is?

6. Here at Bishop Fox's Chantry there are some statues of saints. Look carefully at the one on the third from the left. Who is he?

7. High in the coloured ceiling you may be able to see a bird with a head like a cockerel and a tail like a snake – it is called a Cockatrice. It is supposed to breath out deadly poison!
8. Look down at the floor tiles. Many of them are over 700 years old. See if you can find a picture of a true dragon (with four feet and wings). What we normally call a dragon is really a Wyvern. It has two legs!

9. In the choir, you will need to look very carefully at the woodcarvings. There are many strange creatures in here! Count the monks stalls from the pulpit towards the carved wooden screen. On the North side above the fourth seat is a Man-Monster! Above the next seat is a dragon!

10/11. If you look carefully, you will discover many very strange animals carved in the wood. Draw your favourite in the box below.



12. As you leave the choir look up at the roof. Can you see, near the side windows, the imps grinning at you?

13. Below the fourth window, there is a monument to the Coles family. Above the dark blank square, there is a creature in each corner. What is this creature?

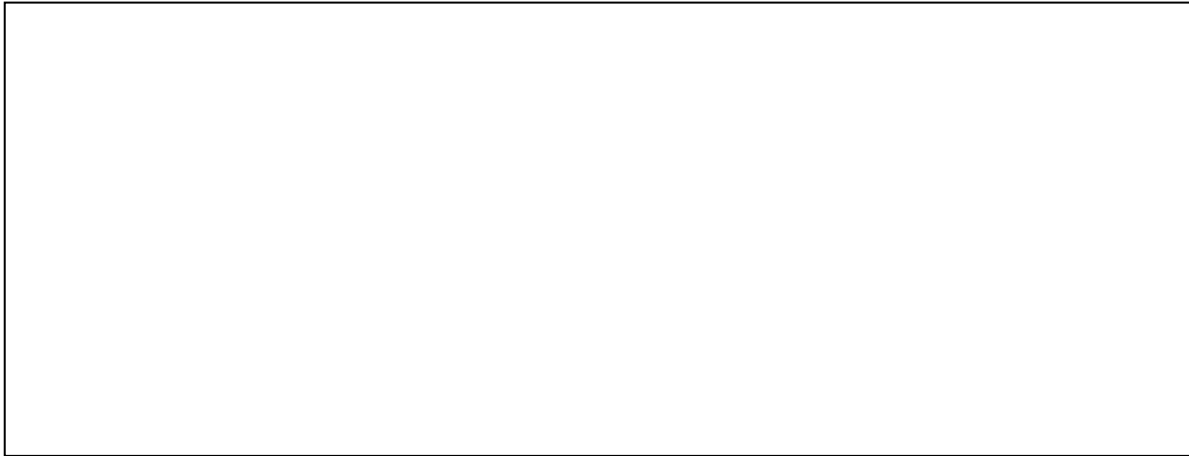


14. Look up at the roof above the desk near the entry door. Can you spot the Green Man (a face with leaves around it)? Draw him in the box below.



There are a lot of dragons and monsters in the Cathedral!

Why do you think the carvers and decorators used so many strange and frightening creatures?



You have seen many examples of saints killing dragons. What do you suppose the dragon represents?

