

Finding out about Winchester Cathedral

Winchester Cathedral

The Holy Trinity St Peter, St Paul and St Swithun

Children's Project

Welcome

**The Cathedral Church of The Holy Trinity St
Peter, St Paul and St Swithun Winchester
Hampshire UK**

Winchester was once the capital of England and was an important city at the time of the Saxons and Normans.

The Norman cathedral replaced two earlier Saxon cathedrals run by monks and it has the longest medieval nave in Europe. Christians have worshipped on this site for over 1400 years.

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History

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King Cenwalh had a church built in Winchester

660

Old Minster became a cathedral and was eventually run by Benedictine monks. The church was enlarged and a shrine was made for St Swithun. It became a place of pilgrimage.

1079

The Norman cathedral is started and a little later the Saxon cathedral was demolished. The Monks and the shrine of St. Swithun move into the new building.

1538

King Henry VIII ordered the monks out of their monastery and the shrine of St. Swithun to be destroyed.

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Inside the Cathedral

Close your eyes and listen then sit quietly and look around you. How do you feel?

I can see

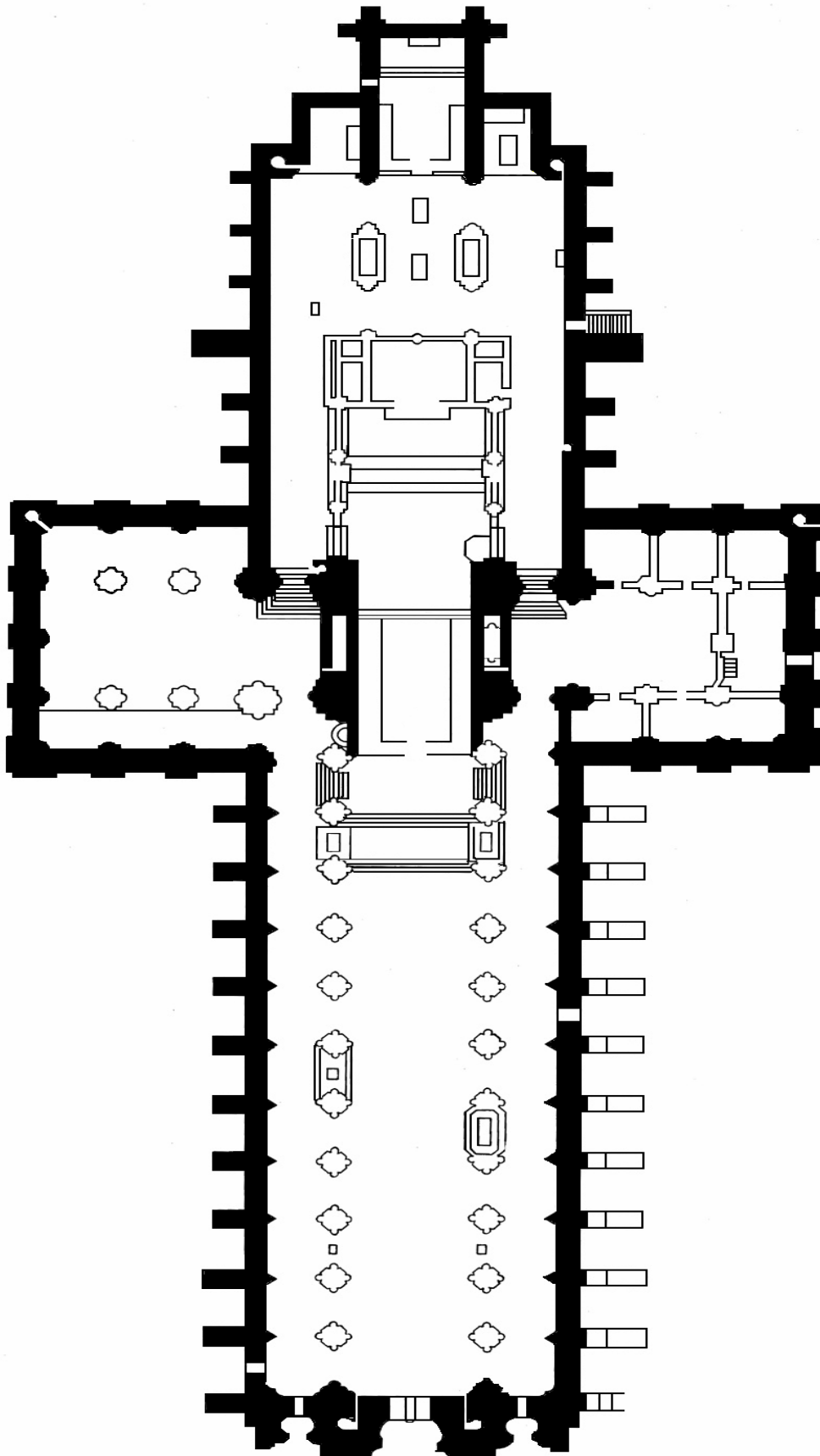
I can hear

I can smell

I can touch

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Looking at the Cathedral

Find these things and mark them on your plan

1. Font
2. Pulpit
3. Nave altar
4. Crypt
5. Wall Paintings
6. Choir stalls
7. The High Altar
8. Shrine of St. Swithun
9. Lady Chapel
10. Fishermen's Chapel

Where was the floor sinking 100 years ago?

Mark this area on the plan

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Windows

Look at some of the windows

Find one with picture

Draw it

Find one with a pattern

Draw it

How many colours can you see in the windows you like best

Design your own window. It can be a picture or a pattern
Use the window shape on the next page to help you

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Kneelers in the choir and presbytery

What are kneelers for?

Do you like the colours?

Choose a kneeler you like

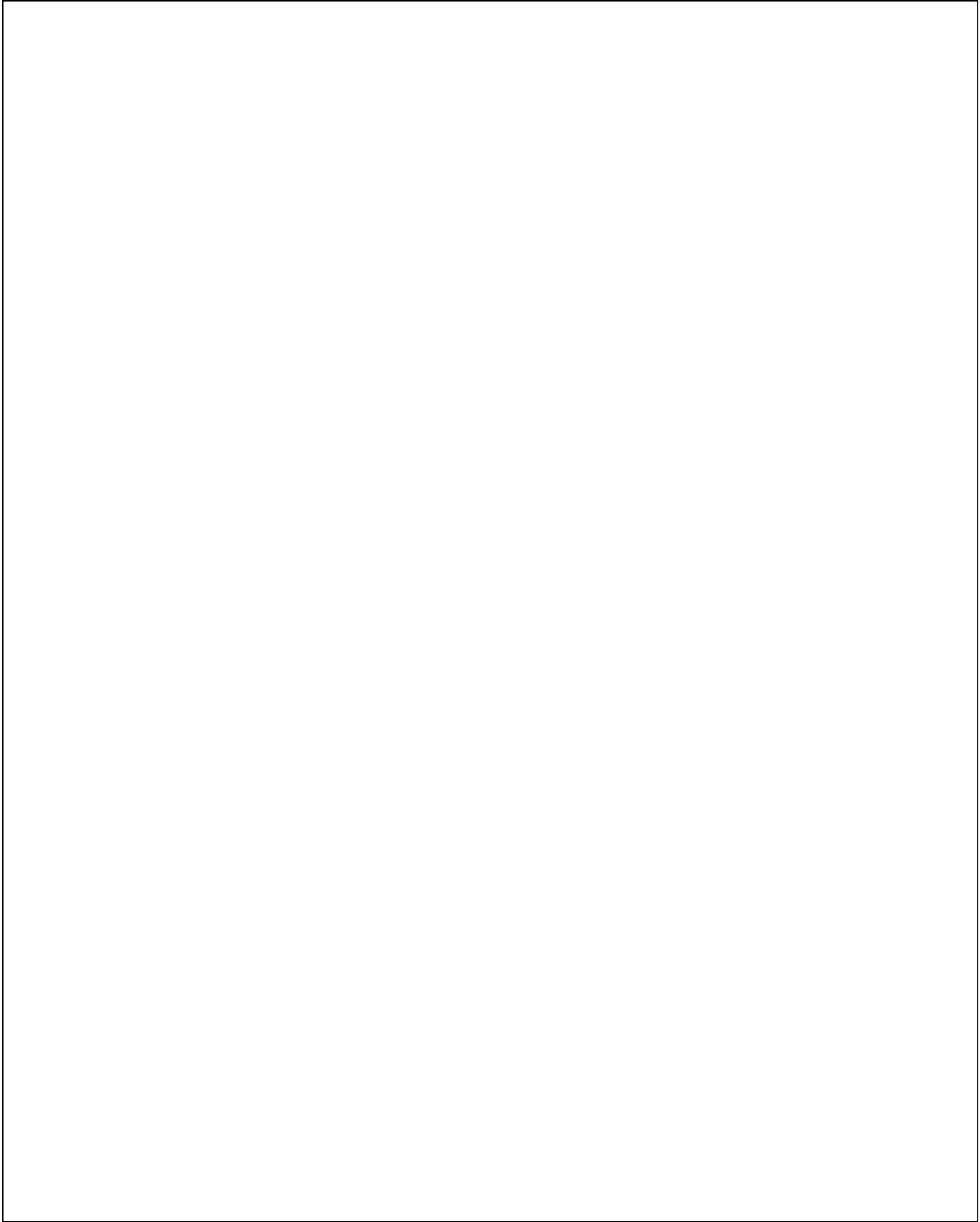
Does it have a pattern?

Does it have a special sign or symbol? What do you think this represents?

Draw the kneeler you like the best. (You could try different colours) You can use the next page.

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Kneelers



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The Font

The Font is made of a black limestone. It is over 800 years old. The pictures show St. Nicholas. People stand round the font when somebody is baptised and welcome them to church.

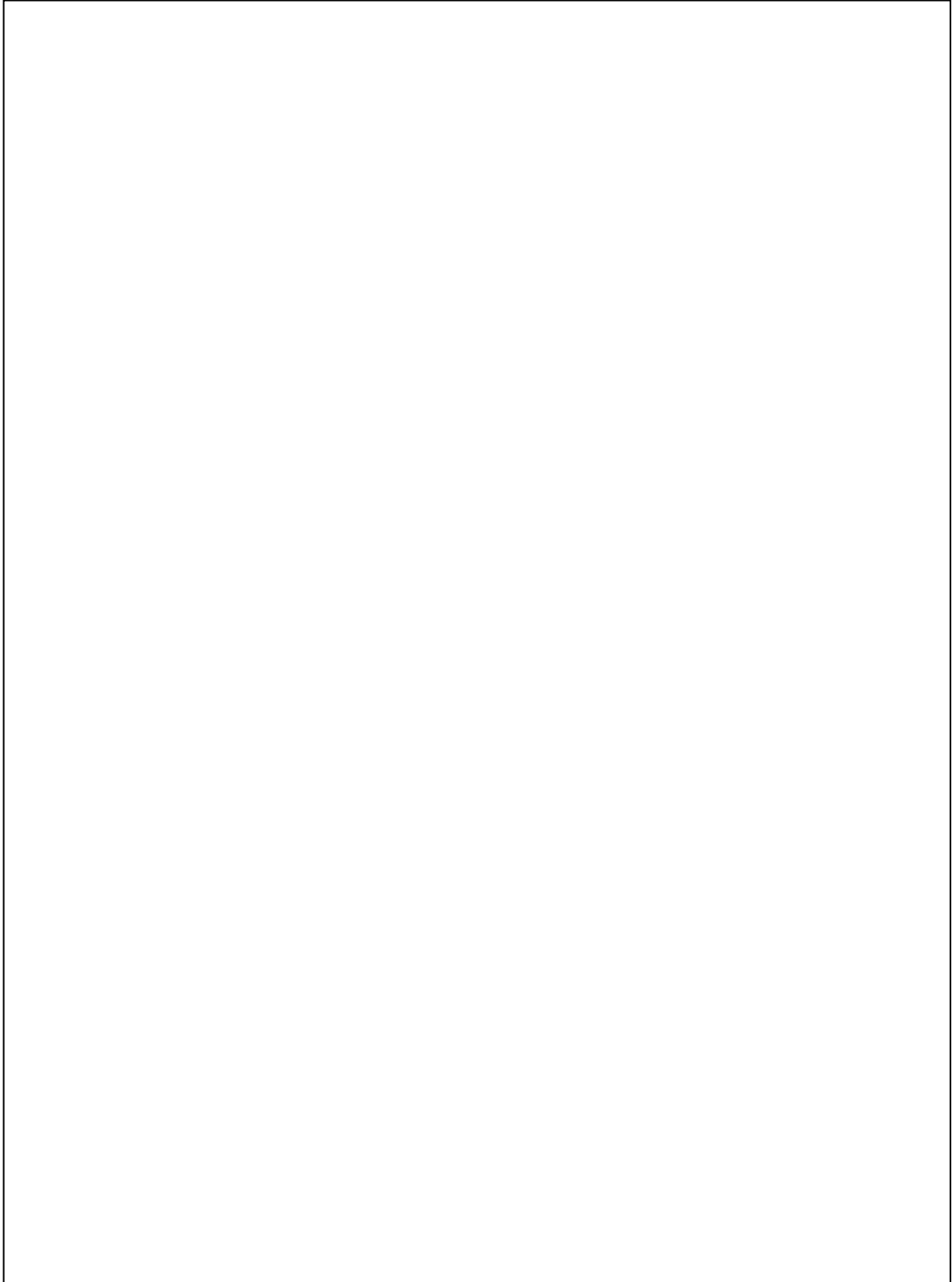
Choose the best words to describe the font:

(Big small dark colours plain pictures wood metal
stone high low)

Use some of the words and write three sentences

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Draw the Font in the space below

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for drawing the font of the text above.

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People

Can you find these names in the retro choir at the east end? Write out the full name and copy some of the writing under the name.

E Gardiner

S Waynflete

F Beaufort

M Fox

Where did you find these names?

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Memorials

Look at some of the ways in which people are remembered in this church.

Find a gravestone or memorial that you think is interesting.
Write down the names of the people.

When did they die?

How old were they when they died?

Draw one of the memorials, or take a rubbing of a gravestone inside the Cathedral.

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People Today

Why do people come to this church?

What do you think happens here on a Sunday?

Look on the notice board to find information about what will be happening in the church during the week.

Can you find any names of people who come to this church?

What is the name of the Dean?

What do you think the Dean does?

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Birthdays

How old are you?

When is your Birthday?

Draw some things that are special on your Birthday.

In church, NATIVITY means the Birthday of Jesus.
Jesus was born in a stable.

There is a picture of baby Jesus in a manger, with Mary and Joseph, in the big Easy Window.

When you get back to school or home you could:

- Make a birthday card.
- Make a bar chart of your friends' Birthday months.
- Write invitations to a Birthday party.