

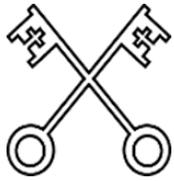


BRADFORD CATHEDRAL



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Signs and Symbols
KS2



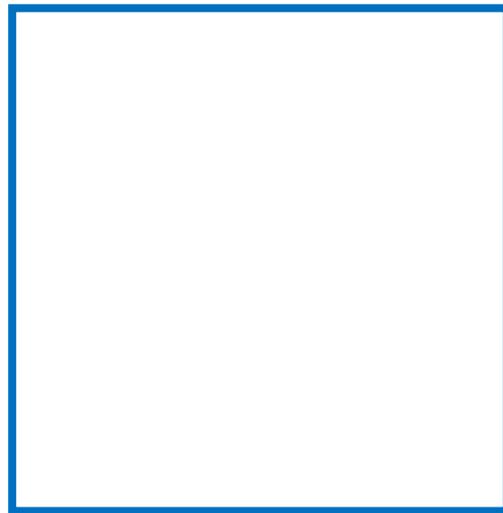


Bradford Cathedral

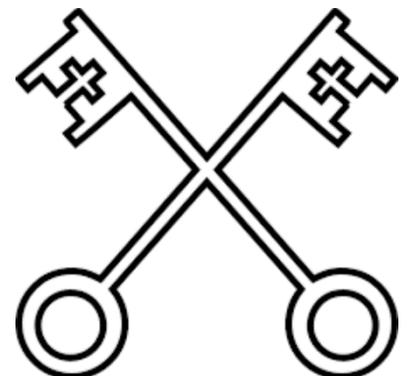
Signs and Symbols

Welcome to Bradford Cathedral.

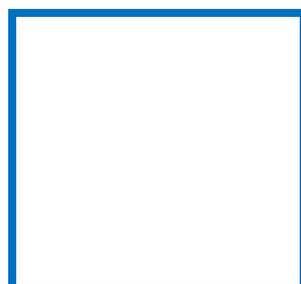
1. This is the symbol of the Cathedral; it is our 'badge' or 'logo'. The things on the badge- called a shield- tell you that this is the Cathedral (the hat, or **mitre**) Church of Saint Peter (the crossed keys) and that we are in Bradford (the white wool sack). **Draw your own version of our shield in the box below.**



2. The crossed keys are a symbol of Saint Peter. Saint Peter was one of Jesus' friends; he was both a **disciple** and an **apostle**.



Draw your own crossed keys in the box.





3. The cross is now probably the most famous symbol of Christianity.

Why do you think Christians have a cross as their symbol?



4. The colour of the **altar cloth** and **pulpit fall** tell you what is happening in the Cathedral and what time of year it is.

Green – an ordinary time.

Purple – preparation for an important time

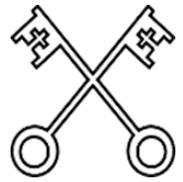
Gold – festival time

Red – a special time.

Look at a photo of the Cathedral altar cloth and then complete this sentence:

The Cathedral is in _____ time.





5. These Christian symbols can all be found in Bradford Cathedral.



A fish is a very old 'secret' symbol of Christianity. It was first used about 2,000 years ago. It is called an Ichthus: this is the Greek word for fish.



The Chi-Rho is an ancient symbol which combines the first and second letter of Jesus' title in Greek. This title is "Christ" or "Christos", which means "Saviour".



This is called a Triquetra and is one of the oldest **symbols** from early Christianity in this country. It was probably first used about 1,300 years ago.





6. Christians try to follow the teachings of Jesus.



One of the symbols for Jesus is a light.
It represents God's presence in the world.

Christians describe Jesus as
'The ----- of the World'.

7. Look at the golden eagle.

This is a called a **lectern**. It is made out of brass.

Which special book do you think is placed on here
to be read? _____





8. Can you find the font? This is a vessel where people are baptised and welcomed into the Christian faith. It is near the West Doors.



In the **Bible** there are four books called Gospels. These tell us about the life, death and **resurrection** of Jesus. Four men called Matthew, Mark, Luke and John wrote down the Gospels. They tell us stories about the life and teachings of Jesus.

Matthew's symbol is the winged man, Mark's symbol is the winged lion, Luke's symbol is the winged ox and John's is the winged eagle.

Look closely at the font. Can you see the symbols for Matthew, Mark, Luke and John?

Choose one of the symbols to draw here.

This is the symbol for _____





Glossary of Terms

In the order highlighted in the booklet:

Mitre – a special headdress worn by a Bishop

Disciple – a name for the twelve friends who travelled with Jesus, 2000 years ago

Apostle – people who spread the teachings of Jesus and stories about his life after Jesus' death and resurrection

Altar cloth – a covering for the altar or communion table

Pulpit fall – a small piece of cloth that hangs from the pulpit

The Bible – the holy book for Christians

Gospels – four books in the Bible that tell Christians about the life, teaching, death and resurrection of Jesus

Resurrection – Christians believe that Jesus came back to life on the third day after he was killed. This is known as the resurrection.

