


BRADFORD CATHEDRAL

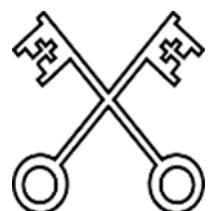


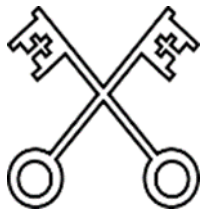
Education Department

Exploring a Christian

Place of Worship

Upper KS2 /KS3





RESPONDING TO THE BUILDING

What is this building called?

How high do you think it is?

How long do you think it is?

What are your first impressions?

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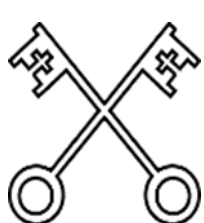
Describe or sketch something you can see:

POSITION OF THE BUILDING

Since the eighth century most churches and cathedrals have faced east, with the altar at the east end of the building. This was so that worshippers could face the holy city of Jerusalem. The way a building faces is known as its **orientation**.

Jerusalem is an important city for which other faiths?

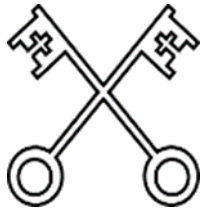
Which way do Muslims face to pray?



Which way do you think Jewish people face to pray?

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WHAT IS A CATHEDRAL?

A cathedral is the head church in an area, which is known as a **diocese**. The main purpose of a cathedral is to be a place of Christian worship and often large services and events are held in a cathedral that affect the local Christian community or diocese.

A **bishop**, who is in charge of looking after the diocese, has his seat or “throne”- called a **cathedra**- in the cathedral.

Where do we get the word “cathedral” from and what did it mean originally?

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Which saint is Bradford Cathedral dedicated to?

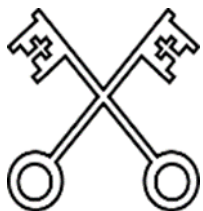
Write down anything you know about this person:

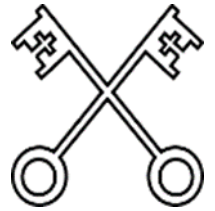
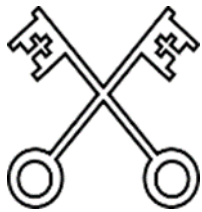
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What is the symbol for this saint and why is this the symbol?

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Draw a sketch of the symbol:





Draw a detailed sketch or write a detailed description of the bishop's throne:

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FEATURES OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

Communion or Eucharist

In a communion or eucharist service Christians remember the last meal that Jesus had with His friends before He died, in which He shared bread and wine with them.

Communion takes place at and around the altar and this is the holiest part of a church. Worshippers look towards this place during a communion service.

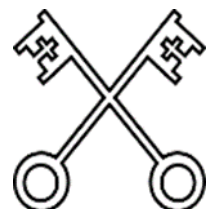
What is an altar?

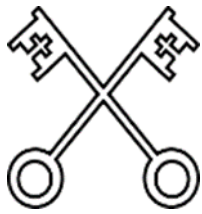
Write a description or draw a sketch of the cloth that is covering the altar:

Large empty rectangular box for drawing or writing a description of the altar cloth.

In the Communion service, what do the bread and wine symbolise?

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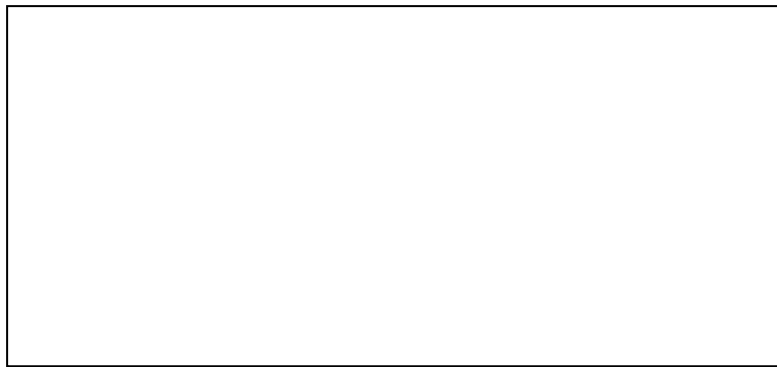
The Pulpit

What is the pulpit used for?

The Lectern

What is the lectern used for?

Describe or make a sketch of the lectern:



Why is the lectern shaped like this?

FEATURES OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP (continued)

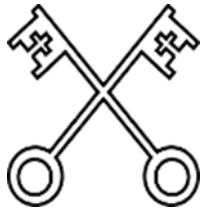
Choir stalls and organ

The choir stalls are where the people who sing during services may sit. Members of the choir sit facing each other. The organ is the musical instrument that is played during services and accompanies hymns (songs to God). Music is an important form of prayer in the Christian tradition.

How many organ pipes do you think there are?

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Candles

Candles are often used in Christian worship.

Why do you think Christians use candles in a place of worship?

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Bells

The bells are hung in the Cathedral tower, which is at the back of the Cathedral. Ropes inside the bell tower are attached to each bell so that when each bell is pulled, the bells ring.

What is the purpose of bells in a Christian place of worship?

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How many bells are there in the bell tower of Bradford Cathedral?

Why are the Bradford Cathedral bells so special?

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The Font

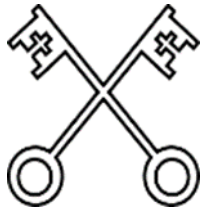
The font is a stone container that holds the water used by the clergy (the priests) to baptise, or christen, someone. A person becomes part of the church when they are baptised, as it shows to others that they want to follow Jesus. This is why the font is usually near the main entrance.

What happens during a baptism?

What did you notice about the font?

Can you make any links with the use of water in other faiths?





CHRISTIAN FESTIVALS

Write down the names of any Christian festivals you have heard of:

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Choose one of these and write about what you think Christians celebrate or commemorate (remember) on this particular occasion:

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Can you remember one of the ways in which the worshippers- the congregation- know that it is a special festival when they walk into the Cathedral?

What other important religious events are Christian places of worship used for?

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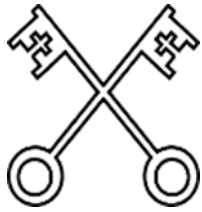
What other (non-religious) events is Bradford Cathedral used for?

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HISTORY OF BRADFORD CATHEDRAL

From what you have learned today, write down 3 interesting or important facts about Bradford Cathedral's history:

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