

The Windows

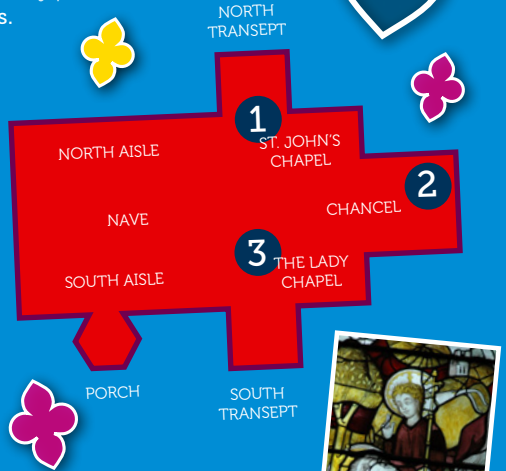
Hundreds of years ago, very few people could read.

In churches, paintings and coloured windows were used to tell Bible stories. They also were used for teaching people about the Christian faith. They did this through stories of saints (very good and holy people). In this Church there are a lot of teaching windows.

1 St John's Chapel



Look to your left, just inside the door. This "Golden Window" tells part of the story of **the birth of Jesus**. It is divided up into six main lights (or sections). In the main central light near the top, an Angel is telling Mary (in the right-hand light) **that she will have a baby**.



1. How can we tell that it is an Angel?
2. In the bottom right light, a man called (Saint) Christopher is carrying Jesus on his back. Why is he carrying him?
3. What is on the hill at the top of this light?



Look at the big window in the east wall, above the altar table. This tells a story about **the Palmers**. These were **rich men in Ludlow** who tried to live a good life and **go on pilgrimage (a holy journey) to Jerusalem** or other holy places.



4 Look at the top left light. This shows the Palmers (in blue) going on pilgrimage. How do we know that they are travelling somewhere?

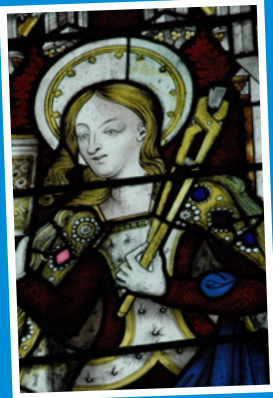
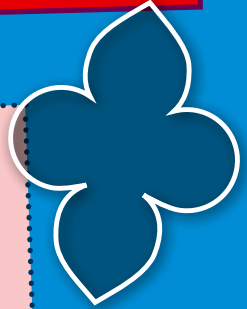
5. In the bottom right light, the Palmers have returned and are having a feast. What is being played to entertain them?



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The Chancel

In the North windows, on your left, the people are all **Saints**, that is, people who lived a specially good life in some way. Ordinary people often prayed to saints **to help them when they were in difficult times.**

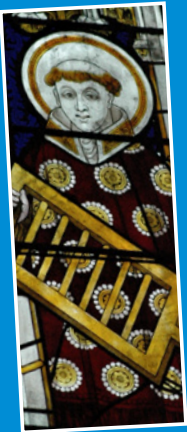


6. In window N2, the centre right light shows Saint Apollonia holding a big pair of pincers and a tooth. **What people do you think might pray to her for help?**

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7. In the light at bottom right of the east window they are building something. **How do we know this?**

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If you look at the big East Window in front, you can see the life of **Saint Laurence**. He was Christian and very kind to poor and disabled people. The Roman Emperor of the time did not like Christians, so Laurence was tortured and killed. At the bottom left, 2nd light, **he is being killed by roasting on a grid-iron.**



8. In which of the three North windows is Saint Laurence holding the grid-iron on which he was roasted when they tortured him?

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S4 The Ten Commandments Window

This window teaches six of the ten Commandments (God's Laws). It shows the Laws being held up in a book, **but also people breaking the Law.**

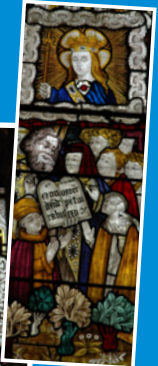
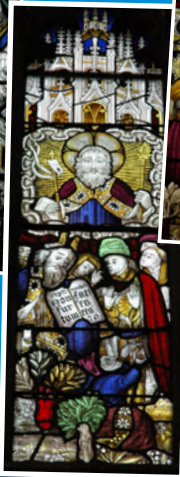
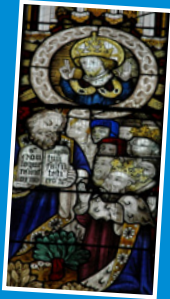


Here are the six Laws –

- A You must not murder
- B You must not love somebody else's wife/husband
- C You must not steal
- D You must not tell lies
- E You must be faithful to your own husband/wife
- F You must not try to take somebody else's house

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9. In this drawing of the window, write in the letters of Law C, Law E and Law F. Put them in the correct lights.



10. Saint George was a very popular saint. In the Chancel there are three windows which show him killing a dragon. Write their letters (N or S) and numbers here
(1)..... (2).....
and (3).....

If you look carefully at the stone carvings behind the altar table you will see another St. George killing a dragon.



3 The Lady Chapel

The beautiful window here is very famous. It is called a Jesse Window. It shows Jesse, the ancestor of Jesus, lying on his side at the bottom. From him come lots of branches showing his family – like a Family Tree. At the top you can see Jesus himself, sitting down.

Jesse Windows like this one are in only a few other old churches. **There is a good one in Shrewsbury, in St Mary's Church.**

F	E	...
C

1. Wings on the Angel
2. Crossing a River
3. Windmill
4. On a Ship
5. Playing a Harp
6. People with Toothache, or a Dentist
7. Sawing wood and half-built church
8. N3
9. See table adjacent
10. N1, N2, S6



The Answers