



How well do you know your church?

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Last month's magazine carried the first of two sets of questions testing people's knowledge of our church. Below is the article published in the June edition, together with the second set of questions. In a month or so this page will be updated with the answers to these.

Your quizmaster is gratified by the interest shown in last month's questions, and is pleased to provide the answers below. Below that, there are another fifteen questions, the answers to which will follow next month. Enjoy, as they say...

1. Where and why is the archiepiscopal porker?

Quite an easy starter. Robert Runcie, Archbishop of Canterbury, kept a herd of pigs, and a representation of the porker is on the bottom right hand corner of his window just inside the south porch door. This writer was at pains to have it included.

2. Where is there one toe short?

Even easier. The Christ child in the Mother Maribel Madonna statue in the Lady Chapel has only four toes on one foot. Don't know why...

3. Where is there a 'typo' in a window?

Getting tougher now. The window is in the south aisle, (the one nearest to the Lady Chapel) depicting the Venerable Bede. The September 2014 magazine explains the mistake (an 'o' instead of an '&' in the inscription).

4. Where is a saint anticipating an upside-down crucifixion?

Carved in stone on the pulpit, St Peter is shown with an inverted cross, the supposed means of his death.

5. Where can you find a Gay doctor?

Dr Gay is honoured on a brass plaque in the south aisle.

6. Where might you find two circular fireworks?

St Catherine is traditionally seen carrying a 'Catherine Wheel' representing the manner of her death. She is doing so on the chancel screen carving and in one of the windows in the south aisle (the second one from the porch).

7. Where do two angels look the wrong way?

On both wings of the reredos above the High Altar, painted angels are shown facing inwards – but one on each side faces outwards.

8. Where is there one ‘S’ missing on a repeated monogram?

The same location: there are hand-painted ‘ihs’ monograms on the folding wings of the reredos, but the third letter is missing on one of them in the right-hand panel.

9. Where uniquely is there an ‘S.’ instead of a ‘St.’?

The statue of our patron is labelled as ‘S.Faith’ – the only time this occurs in the church.

10. Where can you find the name of a bishop’s father?

Kenneth McCulloch, father of Bishop Nigel McCulloch, is one of the war dead listed on the framed record in the Chapel of the Cross.

11. Where can you find ‘Elcum’ – and why?

Carved in stone on the chancel screen. Our founder, Douglas Horsfall, commissioned the screen as a memorial to his son, Robert Elcum Horsfall, killed in the Second World War.

12. Where can you see the work of Salviati of Venice?

Salviati, or at least his famous Venetian firm, was responsible for the great reredos behind the High Altar.

13. Where is a young man’s name recorded twice, once incorrectly spelt?

An impossibly obscure question! The young man is Niel Brooks, and that’s the correct spelling, as on the plaque below the ‘Boy Jesus’ statue, given in his memory by his mother. However, on the list of our war dead in the Chapel of the Cross, he is wrongly called Neil.

14. Where can you find the design of the architect of Liverpool Cathedral?

The chancel screen, designed by Sir Giles Gilbert Scott.

15. Where is there a running dog, and what does it signify?

It’s in the St Faith’s window (our oldest piece of stained glass, near the pulpit). The dog is the trademark of the window’s designer, Herbert Bryans.

Part Two

16. Where and what is the product of Ferdinand Stuflesser’s company?
17. Where would you find Veronica and what is she doing?
18. Where is our national saint currently to be found?
19. Where is there quite a lot of Zirbel wood?
20. Where is another Crosby church to be seen in St Faith’s?
21. Where are the three lambs to be seen in St Faith’s?
22. Where and how often can you find the name of Horsfall inscribed at St Faith’s?
23. Where is Fr William Hassall remembered by name in our church?
24. Where can you find several small white monks – and how many are there of them?
25. Where is the work of Sister Anthony to be seen?
26. Where would you go to see a pair of pandas?
27. Where is there a Bell in St Faith’s?
28. Where is Queen Victoria cited, and why might she not have been amused?
29. Where is one with black, and not just red and gold, to be seen?
30. Where does your quizmaster’s name have him in stitches?

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