

## Conversation pieces for a memory-friendly trail

### INTRODUCTION

The Grade 1 listed church of St John the Evangelist is mentioned in the Domesday Book. There have been a number of additions, mainly in the early 12th century, 15th century and 19th century. The tower has Anglo-Saxon stonework and the font is Norman.



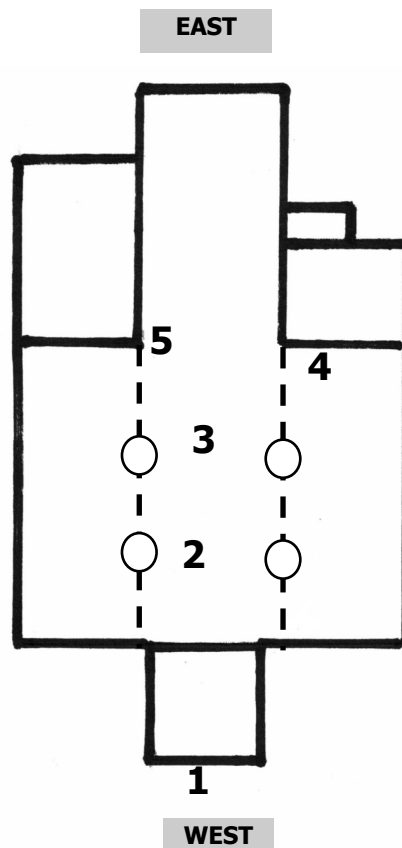
### 1 DOOR

Take a moment to look at the door. What do you notice about it? Run your hands over it and describe what it feels like. Put your hand on the latch and open it. Is it warm or cold? Give the door a push and open it. Would you say it opens smoothly, is it heavy or light to push?



### 3 NAVE

Let's walk down the Aisle and stop half way to have a look around. First of all, look up, what do you see in the roof? For example, rafters, angels, carved bosses. Then take a look to your right and then your left and tell us what you see.



### 5 PULPIT

Share your thoughts on who would use this and what they would do from here. Touch the Pulpit — what is it made of and what does it feel like? Can you see carvings and what are they of? Do you remember sitting and listening to very long talks from the person standing in a Pulpit?



### 2 FIRST IMPRESSIONS

Stand here for a moment and take a deep breath and take a deep breath through your nose. Hold it for a couple of seconds and then breath out. What do you notice? Are there any smells or sensations that come to mind, for example is it cold, damp, musty, can you smell flowers?



### 4 FONT

Spend a few minutes here and share what you notice. For example, what is it made of, does it have carvings, is it very worn and old?

Talk about what would happen here and any thoughts on who would do what. Do you have memories of family Christenings?

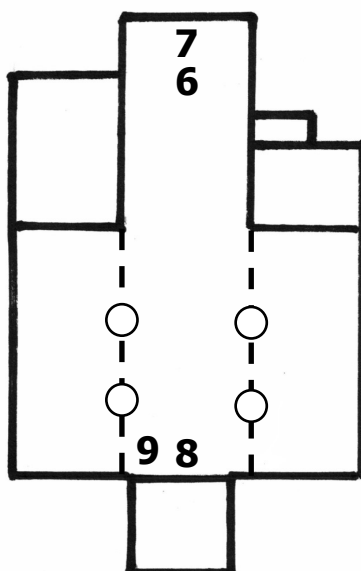


### 6 ALTAR

Looking around what catches your eye, for example the cloth on the Altar, Cross, candles?  
What happens here, for example the Communion?  
Who would lead this service?  
What would they be wearing and what would they be using, for example a chalice?

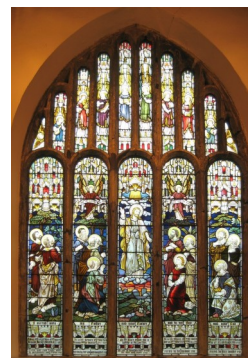


EAST



### 7 EAST WINDOW

Look up at the window behind the Altar. What thoughts come to mind?  
What colours can you see?  
Do the figures remind you of a story?  
What sort of glass is this?  
Which is your favourite part of this window?



### 8 ORGAN

Have you ever played an organ or any other musical instrument?  
Do you have any favourite pieces of music that you remember being played on an organ?  
Were you ever in a church choir and do you remember any of the hymns that you sang?



### 9 PILLAR

Take a moment to look at the pillar.  
What do you notice about it?  
Can you see the holes?  
What shape do the holes remind you of?  
Run your hands over them and describe what it feels like.  
Is it warm or cold?  
This is a Crusader's Cross.



### 10 DRAWING

Draw a picture of the best thing you have seen on your visit today.