

## Conversation pieces for a memory-friendly trail

### INTRODUCTION

St Saviour's Church was consecrated in 1372. Prior to this date people in Dartmouth had to struggle to reach their parish church of St Clement across a ford and up a hill, nearly a mile away and 400 feet above sea level.

St Saviour's church on the foreshore of the river Dart has witnessed many significant events in its long history including ships sailing to fight the Spanish Armada, the Pilgrim Fathers calling into to repair one of their ships on the way to America, and hundreds of ships sailing in World War II as part of the D-Day landings in Normandy.

### 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. Is it warm or cold? Would you say it would be heavy or light to push?

### 3 THE FONT

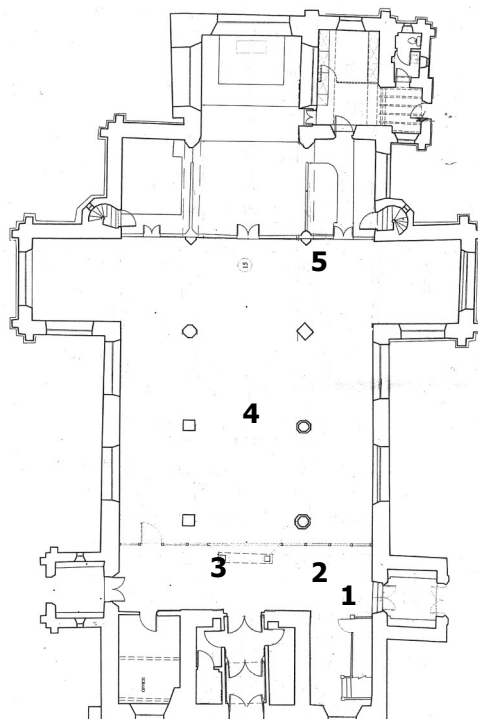


Spend a few minutes here and share what you notice. For example what is it made of, does it have carvings, is it very worn and old?

Talk about what would happen here and any thoughts on who would do what.

Do you have memories of family Christenings?

EAST



WEST

### 5 THE PULPIT



Share your thoughts on who would use this and what they would do from here.

Touch the Pulpit — what does it feel like? Most people think it is made of wood but actually it is carved from stone.

Can you see carvings? 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 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 THE 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, the chandeliers, the painted ceiling, carvings.

Then take a look to your right and then your left and tell us what you see.

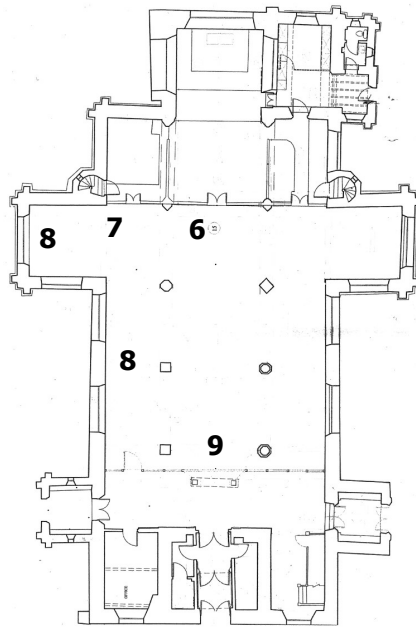
## 6 ROOD SCREEN



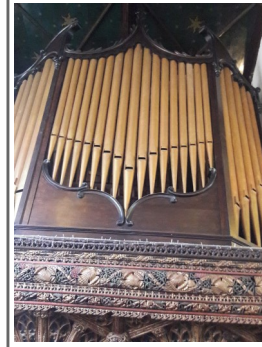
Look at wonderful screen which is more than 500 years old.

What thoughts come to mind?  
Can you make out the ropes and grapes in the carvings?  
There are ancient paintings in the lower panels — can you see what things the saints are holding?  
Are any of these things familiar to you?

## EAST



## 7 THE 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?

## 8 STAINED GLASS WINDOWS

Look at one of the many stained glass windows.  
What colours can you see?

Do the figures remind you of a story?

What sort of glass is this?

Which is your favourite window?



## 9 THE GALLERY

Before you leave the church look up at the gallery with its Royal Arms of Charles II and the many coats of arms including those of Sir John Hawkins (on the left) and Sir Francis Drake.



What stories do you know of these famous sailors — playing bowls, fighting the Spanish Armada?

## 10 DRAWING

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