

Lower KS2 – RE

What does a church look like?



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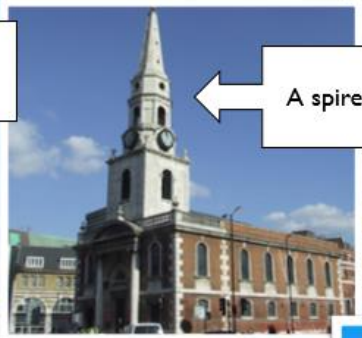
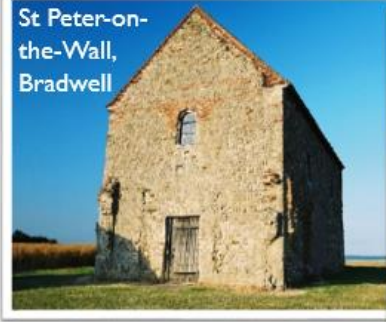
Lesson 1: What are the architectural features of a church?



Use this space to draw a picture of a church from your imagination (don't use pictures to help).

A large, empty rectangular box with a black border, intended for the student to draw a picture of a church from their imagination.

These are all churches. What are some of the differences and similarities?
Do any of them look like your church?



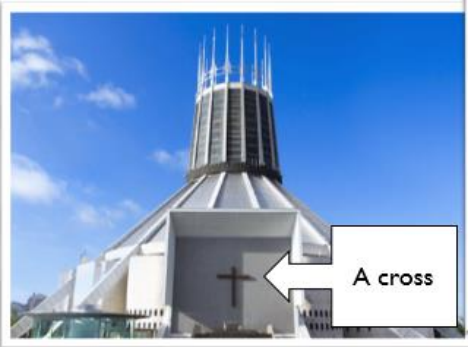
Churches normally have a tall element to them.

This points up at the sky, it acts a landmark to the community around. In most towns, villages and cities it's really easy to see where the church is.

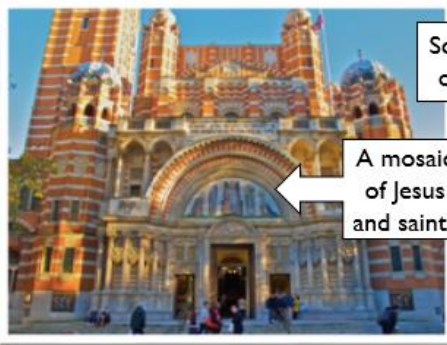
Sometimes this tower will also house bells which can be rung in celebration or to alert people to a warning like fire or bombing (during WWII)



Why do churches have tall elements like spires, towers and domes?



A cross



A mosaic of Jesus and saints



Sculptures of angels

Churches will often show symbols them which show that it is a special, Christian building.

A cross reminds Christians of Jesus and his crucifixion.

Mosaics, sculptures, carvings and pictures of Jesus, Saints and Angels all indicate this is a Christian church.

Bible quotes show the importance of the Bible to Christians and remind them of its sayings.



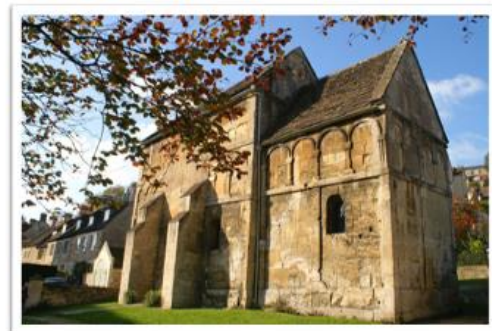
A Bible quote



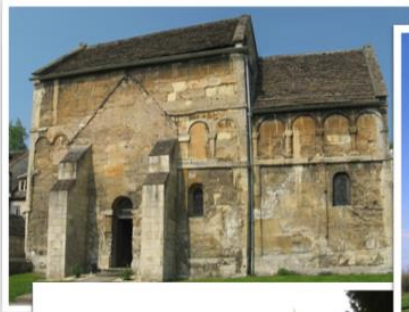
Churches can be huge buildings – often called **cathedrals** where a Bishop sits. They will be the main church for large part of the country.



Churches can also be very small – they might serve just a small village or a single family, these are often called **chapels**.



What kind of symbols do churches have on the outside and why?



- Plain
- Old
- Small
- Undecorated
- Plain stonework



- Heavily decorated
- Intricate
- Delicate
- Huge
- Pointy
- Detailed



Let's look at three different **architectural** styles of church.

Architecture means the way buildings are designed. The styles change over the years.

These are **Saxon** churches. They are the oldest churches in England, built 1,200 years ago.

How would you describe this style?

This is the **Gothic** style. It was common around 600-400 years ago and then again in the Victorian era.

How would you describe this?



- Modern
- Stark
- Concrete
- Undecorated
- Pointy
- Square
- Unusual



Finally this is the **Modernist** style. It was common from the 1920s until the 1970s.

How would you describe this?