

Quiz - Symbols in and around St. James's

A symbol is something that makes us think about something else. It is said that early Christians did not think it reverent to write the names of God or Jesus in full, so they made different symbols for them. There are several different symbols in the carvings, embroideries and stained glass of the church.

• Draw arrows from the pictures to the correct titles and descriptions:

Yew Trees

XP

INRI

Candle

Dove

Cockle Shells

IHS or IHC

Omega

Water

Alpha

Cross

Bread & Wine



These are on the beaches in Northern Spain where Saint James's relics were brought on the way to lie in Compostela. They were adopted as symbols of Saint James from Medieval times up until the present day.

These first two letters of the Greek word for Christ (XPICTOC) are Symbols of God the Son, Jesus Christ.

The first and last letters of the Greek alphabet mean the beginning and the end. They remind us that God is the beginning and the end of all things.

Christians believe that the One God is made up of three Persons or aspects, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This is called the Trinity or the Triune (three-in-one) God. The symbols of the Trinity always have three parts.

This is the most important Christian symbol and reminds us that Jesus died for us.

These first three letters of the Greek for Jesus (IHSOYC) are Symbols of God the Son, Jesus Christ.

This was seen at the baptism of Jesus. It is a symbol of the Holy Spirit.

This is lit during services. It signifies that Christ is the 'Light of the world'.

These initial letters of Latin for 'Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews' (IESUS NAZARENUS REX IUDAEORUM) are Symbols of God the Son, Jesus Christ.

In communion, these have an important meaning. Christians break up some bread to remember the body of Jesus was 'broken' on the cross. Christians drink red wine to remember that Jesus bled when he died for us.

This is an 'evergreen' - the leaves do not die in winter. They mean everlasting life.

This is used in baptism. It shows that becoming a Christian makes us 'clean' - forgiven by God.