



# Discovery fun pack

The church of St John the Baptist  
Needham Market

## Welcome!

You are standing inside a building that's over 500 years old! It was built by Christians to worship GOD and has a famous roof full of ANGELS. NATHAN is one of the Needham angels and he's here to help you discover the TREASURES in the church with the help of this fun pack. Let's go!



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This way!

# Discover awesome angels

1.



LOOK UP to see the marvellous medieval roof – a church in mid air with angels hovering over the people below.  
Find the MIRROR TROLLEY in the church to take a proper look. *How many angels can you see?*

The roof was HIDDEN for many years and discovered under lots of plaster in 1880. The angels were so damaged the VICTORIANS had to make new ones. How many years ago was 1880?



Guess what?

The people who built this roof hundreds of years ago had no nails or glue so they used wooden pegs!

Why not draw one of the roof ANGELS and find a name for him in the BIBLE at the back of the church? You can write the name under your drawing



This way for wonderful wood!

# Discover wonderful wood

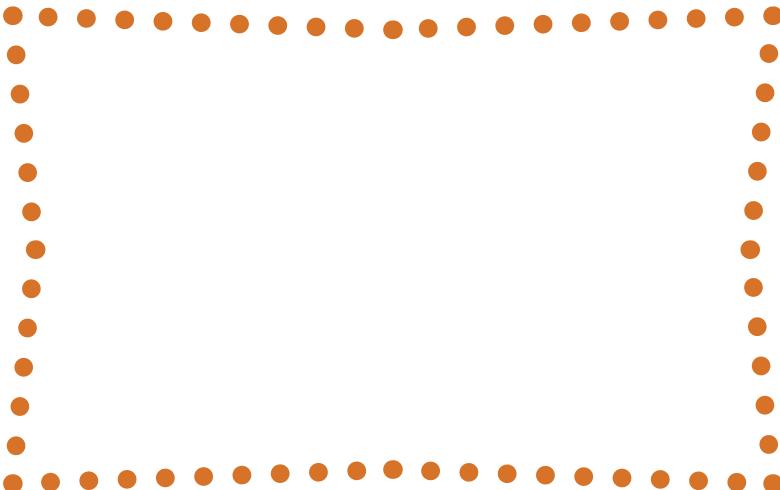
2.

When this church was built, many children would not be at school but out at work, helping their parents to grow food or learning a trade like WOODWORK. If they worked really hard, they might be allowed to work in SPECIAL places like this church.



The priest stands in the PULPIT so everyone can hear loud and clear! Why not climb the pulpit stairs and list what you can see?

1. ....
2. ....
3. ....



The Bishop has his own chair. This one is over 400 years old! Try it out. Is it comfy?



Can you find this man with a strange hat? He is a Bishop wearing a MITRE and he's a leader of Christian people. Women can be bishops too! Why not have a go at drawing a Bishop in the dotted box?

This curious little chap carved in the wood is called a Green Man. You'll need to face the back of the church and look high up to the left to spot him!



This way for glorious glass!

# Discover glorious glass

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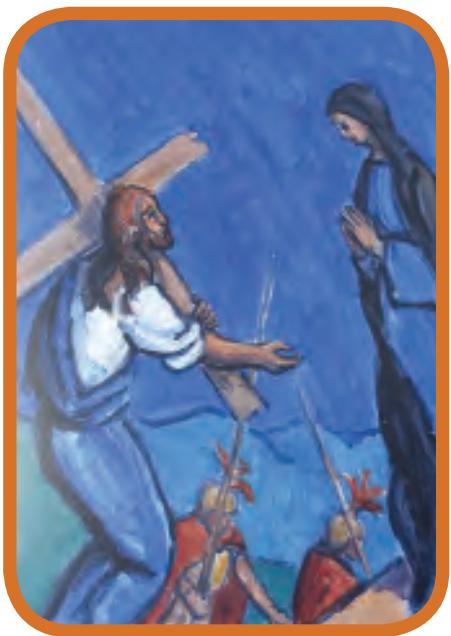
500 years ago, churches were full of brightly coloured stained GLASS windows and PAINTINGS. They helped people understand Bible stories if they couldn't read.



Guess what?

Some of the GLASS is hundreds of years old. Go and see how BRIGHT the colours are! Why not draw some of the patterns in this box?

Can you find these three PICTURES in the coloured glass windows? Nathan has binoculars but you won't need them!



The blue paintings on the walls tell the story of how JESUS Christ died on the cross over 2000 years ago. Christians believe he came back to life and went to live in heaven with GOD. How many crosses can you find in the church?



This way for super symbols!

# Discover super symbols

4.

Did you find lots of crosses in the church? The cross is an important **SYMBOL** or **SIGN** for Christians.

You can discover more symbols on this page!



The rose is a symbol for the mother of Jesus. Her name is **MARY** and she is sometimes called 'the rose without thorns'. These roses are all in the church. Can you find them? Make a list here of where they are and have a go at drawing them below.

1. ....
2. ....
3. ....
4. ....



The **LAMB** is a symbol for Jesus. He is known as the Lamb of God because he was gentle and pure. The lamb is also a **SYMBOL** for St John the Baptist - the name of this church! There are two lambs in the church. Can you find them?

Guess what?

The Latin name for Lamb of God is **AGNUS DEI**. About 500 years ago, people had to learn the alphabet in **LATIN** to help them read their prayer books!



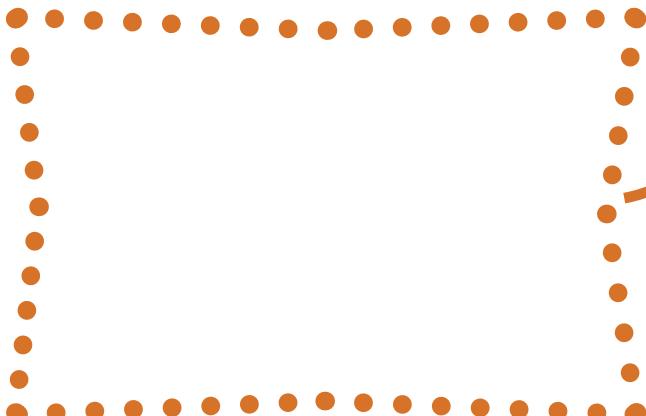
Clever crafts  
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please!

# Discover clever crafts

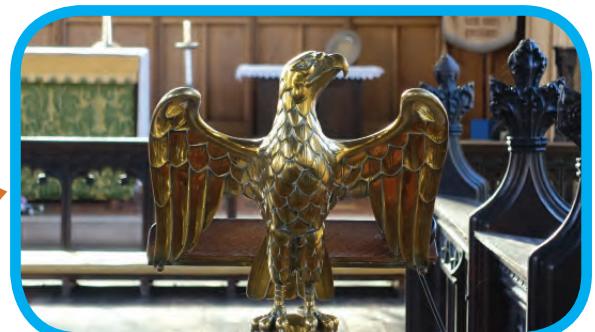
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In MEDIEVAL times, many homes contained a LOOM for weaving cloth. Poorer women would spin and weave and those who were rich would do EMBROIDERY. Today anyone can do embroidery! Look at the brightly coloured KNEELERS that people have embroidered. They are used to kneel on during prayers. Why not pick your favourite and draw it in the box below?



Here's one of the BANNERS hanging in the church. They carry different messages and sometimes change. How many can you find in the church today?



This is the LECTERN at the front of the church. Lectern means to READ. That's why this big brass bird carries a Bible. So he can spread the words of God far and wide! Do you know what kind of bird this is?



Nathan is making sure you haven't missed anything inside the church because now it's time to explore outside! But don't go out on your own as there's lots of traffic!



# Discover fabulous flint

6.



Outside in the  
fresh air,  
what can we  
discover?



The walls of the church are built of shiny FLINT instead of bricks. The flint stones were found in the FIELDS nearby because it would have cost too much to bring stone to Needham Market. There were no lorries in those days, only horses!



Why is there a hole through the flintstone?

In the old days, people would walk round the church and PRAY. They wanted to keep as close to the walls as possible. Can you climb through the opening? WATCH OUT for traffic!

OOPS! Almost forgot! If you pop back inside the porch you'll see two figures over 500 years old!

If you turn left out of the porch, you'll see a little door with lovely wood-carving on it. This is the door the PRIEST would use many years ago.

Can you spot the three CROWNS on the door? They are the sign of the BISHOP of Ely who built the church over 500 years ago!



They are wearing school satchels. They have Paddington Bear hats! They are called PILGRIMS and they travel to really special places called HOLY places.



Bye!  
Come back soon and bring your friends!

# History timeline



St Augustine  
brings  
Christianity  
to England



Battle of  
Hastings

597  
1066



Henry VIII  
becomes King

1348  
1509

Black Death  
breaks out in  
England



Monarchy  
restored as  
Charles II  
crowned

1660

Queen Victoria  
crowned

1838



Queen Elizabeth II  
becomes longest  
serving monarch



2015

World War II  
breaks out

1939

1215  
Magna Carta  
signed  
625  
Burial of King Raedwald  
at Sutton Hoo



1463  
Bishop of Ely  
builds church at  
Needham Market



1642  
Civil war and  
the rise of Oliver  
Cromwell



1707  
Act of Union as  
England and  
Scotland unite



1914  
World War 1  
is declared



2012  
Olympic Games  
in London



2016  
Britain votes  
to leave the  
European Union

