



# Holy Trinity Church

Messingham

## Family Church Trail



Welcome to our church. For hundreds of years people have come here to worship, meet together and to celebrate important events in their lives. There is so much to see in the church if you know what to look for.

Follow the trail and become a church detective.....

**START INSIDE THE CHURCH FACING THE MAIN DOOR.**

### 1 - LOOK AT THE WINDOW TO THE LEFT OF THE DOOR.

This stained glass window shows 'Jesus, the Good - - - - -'.

It tells the story of 'The parable of the lost sheep'.

What is Jesus holding? ----- and -----

How many sheep can you find in the window? ----- Look and count very carefully!

If you look really closely you may see Lincoln Cathedral.

### 2 – THE FONT

The font is where people are baptised and join the church as members of God's Family.

How many sides does this font have? -----

Is the shape a pentagon, a hexagon or an octagon?

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Which letter of the alphabet can you find on the font? -----

What do you think the jug is used for?

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### **3 - GO THROUGH THE DOOR AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH.**

How many stripy things can you see? -----

What do you think they are used for? -----

What else is in the tower? ----- . Listen very carefully!

Another clue – If you are here on the hour you will hear it!

### **4 – STAND AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH AND LOOK UPWARDS.**

Can you see the secret window near the roof? Who can you see in the stained glass? - - - - -

### **5 – WALK DOWN THE CENTRE AISLE TO THE STEPS**

Can you see a big golden bird? What kind of bird is it? - - - - - What is it holding on its back? - - - - -

This is called the **lectern**. It is where people stand to read from the Bible.

Is there another bird beside the eagle? What kind of bird is it? - - - -

**6 – WALK DOWN THE CENTRE AISLE TO THE ALTAR.**

Can you find the smallest door in the church?

Where is it? -----

**This is called an aumbry. It is where the communion cups and plates are stored.  
Ask an adult to show you inside.**



What colour are the tiles around the altar?

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How many lions are there on the altar? -----

Where can you see this creature? -----



**Messingham Church has possibly one of the biggest collections of Medieval stained glass in Lincolnshire, dating from the 14<sup>th</sup> to the 16<sup>th</sup> century. This was brought to Messingham from other churches around 1818 by the Vicar, Revd Henry Vincent Bailey.**

**7 – LOOK AT THE STAINED GLASS WINDOW TO THE LEFT OF THE ALTAR.**

What kind of swimming creatures can you see? -----

How many? -----

This is a symbol of the Trinity. (God the Father, God the Son – Jesus, and God the Holy Spirit). This church is called Holy Trinity Church, Messingham.

The fish and the colours in the glass are included in the church logo.



**8 – LOOK AT THE TWO STAINED GLASS WINDOWS TO THE RIGHT OF THE ALTAR?**

One window tells the Easter Story. How many crosses can you see on a hill? -----

Look really carefully at the other window.

Can you see any fairytale castles?

How many more crosses can you find? (They are very tiny!) -----

**9 – GO BACK TO THE STEPS AND INTO THE LITTLE SIDE CHAPEL.**

Look at the stone carving above the altar. How many people are there having a meal? -----

Who are they -----.

This is a carving of ‘The Last Supper’ and was made by Bill Benson, who lives in Messingham .

**10 – EXTRA QUESTIONS IF YOU ARE NOT TIRED YET!**

There are lots of **crosses** in the church. How many can you find? -----

How is the cross hanging over the pulpit different to the other crosses?

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**WELL DONE. YOU ARE AN EXCELLENT CHURCH DETECTIVE!**

**GO OUTSIDE THE CHURCH TO FIND THE ANSWERS TO THE NEXT QUESTIONS.**

**11** - Can you find this stone object which looks like an 'old telephone'?



Nobody knows exactly what it is. Some historians think it might have come from somewhere else and be from Roman times.

**12** - How many **crosses** and **pinnacles** can you see on the outside of the church?

----- crosses      ----- pinnacles



**13** - How many **windows** are there? -----

**14** - How are they different to your windows at home?

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