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Dear Time Travellers,

Hello, my name is Diana, I'm the Education Officer here at the Minster. It has been an unusual year for everyone, and normally I would be looking forward to welcoming hundreds of children to the Minster for our 'Time Travelling' activity days in March. This year we can't have you here, so we've moved everything online. I've had lots of fun working hard to get videos and activities ready to share with you!



People often ask me *'why is it called Time Travelling?'* There are lots of reasons.

Let's think first about **TIME**. The Minster is **MEDIEVAL**: the oldest part is over 900 years old. To build it, a **SAXON** church was knocked down. Before that, we think **ROMAN** Gods were worshipped near here. That means that pilgrims have been coming here for **A VERY LONG TIME!** You will soon be the newest **pilgrim visitors** even though you will be 'virtual' pilgrims. You will see and hear things that people experienced 1500 years ago.... **We are all connected in TIME by the Minster's long history.**



Next, **TRAVELLING**. Every pilgrimage is a **JOURNEY** to a place which means something to you (it doesn't have to be a faith building). The Minster is important to all of us in Nottinghamshire because it's our Cathedral – it contains evidence of our county and national history and heritage. You will **TRAVEL** virtually, and make a **JOURNEY OF DISCOVERY**. Some people say that life is a pilgrimage: Christians believe that God is with them on their journey from birth to death – the destination is heaven.

I hope that helps.

There is one more thing I'd like you to remember – **pilgrims come intending to LEARN**, and the activities your teacher shares with you will help you find out how Christians worship and why we believe in helping others; you'll hear Bible stories and have a good look around the building too, which is full of interesting things to discover. Do your best to listen and learn, and enjoy some of our activities. I hope there is plenty to get you thinking!

When pilgrims leave a special place, it's traditional to take something away as a souvenir. Your teacher might share a **'journal'** to record your activities as a reminder of what you learned and some facts and puzzles. The Minster is a big, beautiful, building with lots of amazing things to see – from enormous arches to tiny carved mice....like this one.



These mice are Victorian, carved into some of our furniture

If you'd like to find out more before you come, just google **"Southwell Minster"** to see hundreds of images. Here are a couple to get you started.

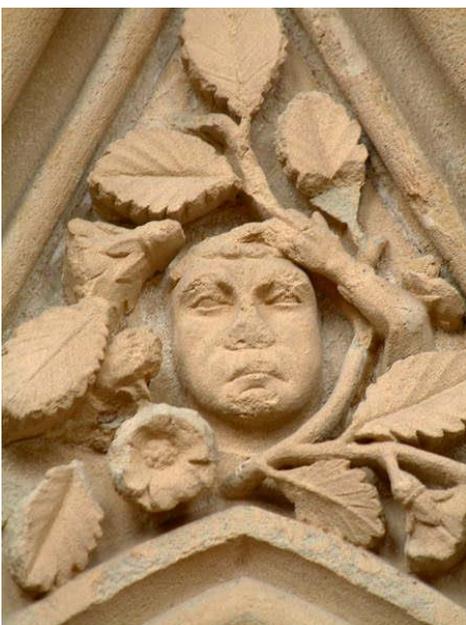
With best wishes

Diana and the Time Travelling team ☺



One of the things people remember about the Minster are the 'peppercots': the two pyramid shaped points on the towers. You'll spot them straight away.

This is a person: see how small they are next to the Minster's door.



The inside of the Minster's east end

This stone carving is medieval. There are lots of stone faces all over the Minster – inside and out. Our green men are easy to spot. Their faces are surrounded by leaves. They are world famous!

