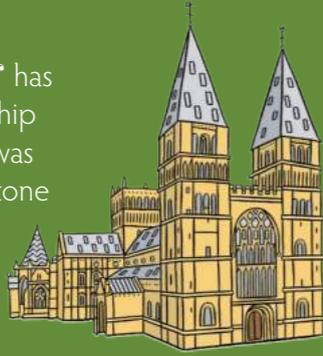
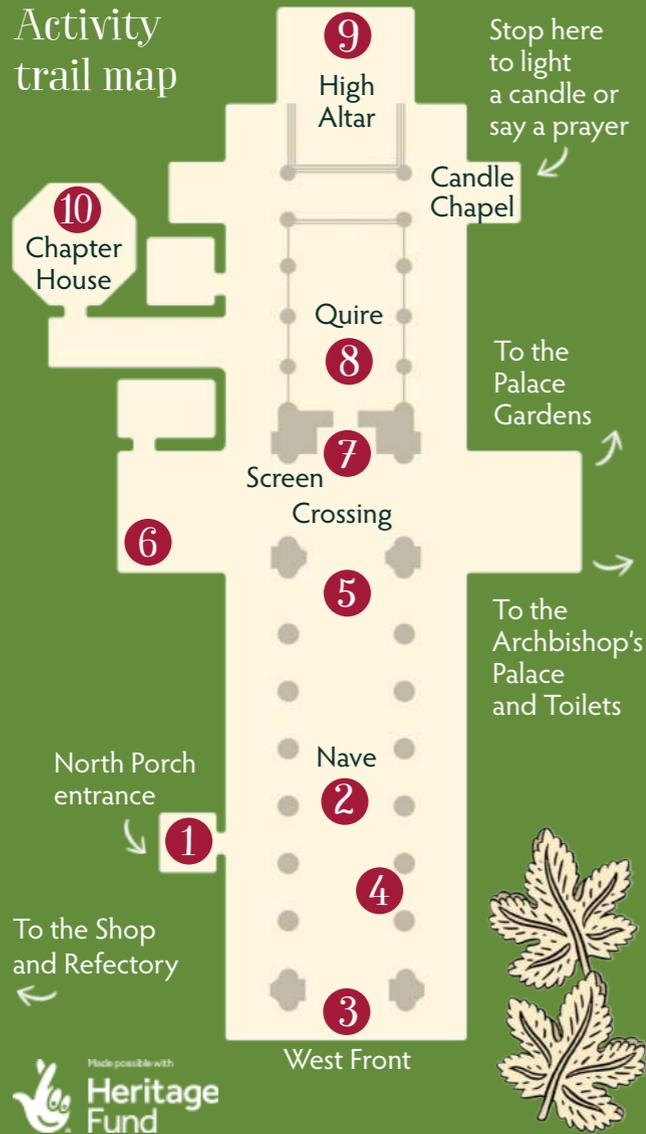


Southwell Minster has been a holy place of worship for around 1000 years. It was built by skilled medieval stone masons in the 1100s on the site of an earlier Anglo-Saxon church.



Activity trail map



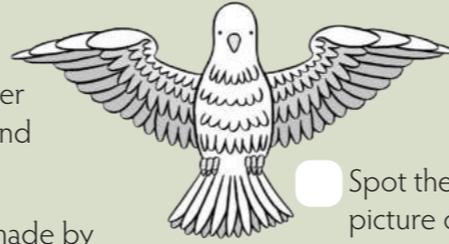
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9 Stop at the High Altar

This is the most sacred part of the Minster where Christians come to share bread and wine in a service of Holy Communion.



Kneel at the wooden altar rails made by Robert Thompson's workshops in 1949. They always carve a mouse on their work. Who will be first to find the mice?



Look up at the East Window, which shows four stories about the life of Jesus Christ.

Spot the flying dove in the picture of Jesus being baptised.



Who is shown entering the town of Jerusalem on a donkey?

10 Sit inside the Chapter House

Discover the delicate leaf carvings and patterns that decorate the archway entrance into the medieval Chapter House. This magnificent octagonal (eight-sided) room was built as a meeting place more than 700 years ago. The Minster's priests or canons gathered here to discuss church business.

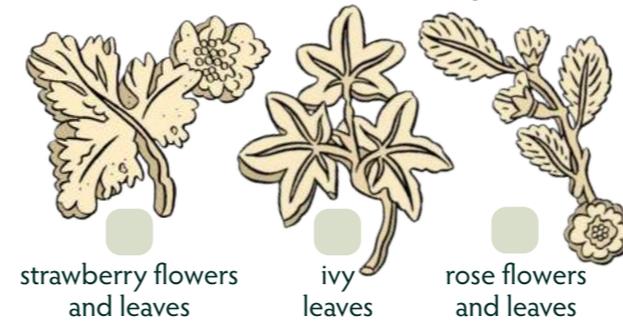


How many carved stone seats are there for the canons?



Hello, I was the master mason in charge of the stone carving here at the Chapter House. We used the plants and trees from the local hedgerows and woodlands in our designs of leaves, fruits and flowers.

Can you find the carved faces of ten Green Men hidden among the leaves? Some have leaves and branches sprouting out of their noses, mouths or ears! The Green Man is an ancient symbol that shows our link with nature.

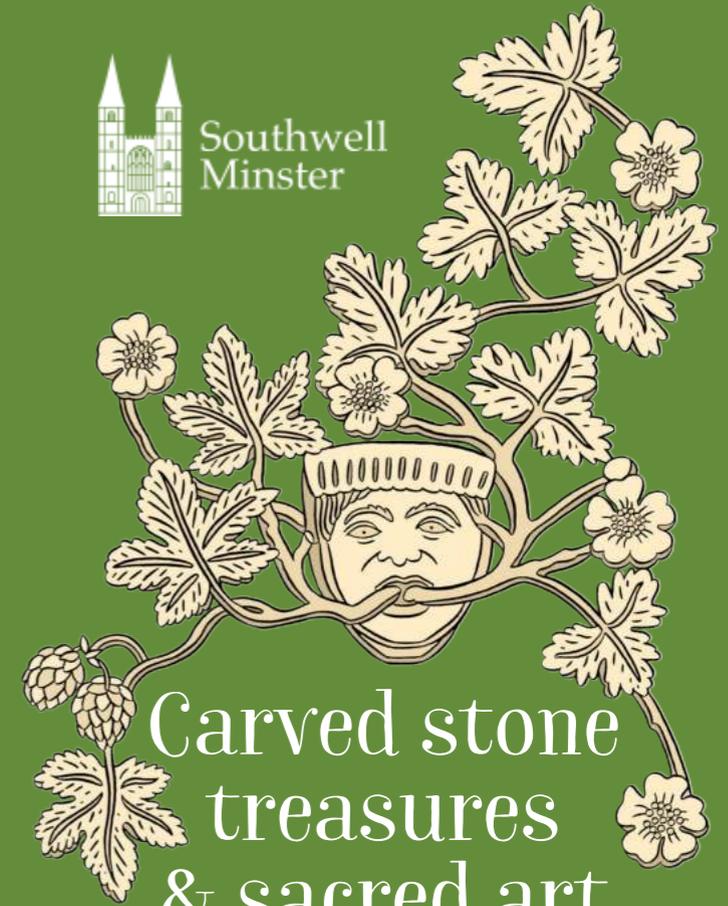


hawthorn leaves and berries

Hunt for these plants in the Green Men designs.

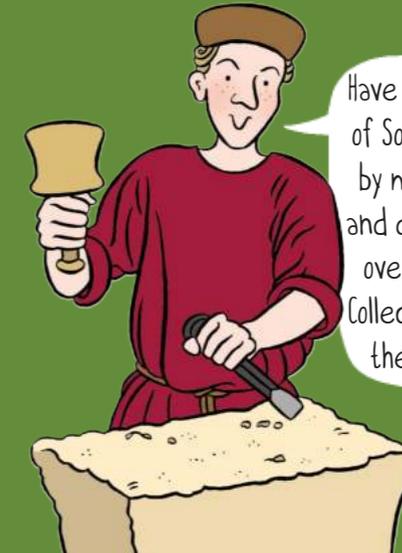


Southwell Minster



Carved stone treasures & sacred art

An activity trail for family explorers



Have fun exploring the riches of Southwell Minster, carved by medieval stone masons and decorated by craftsmen over the past 1000 years. Collect your trail reward from the shop when you finish!