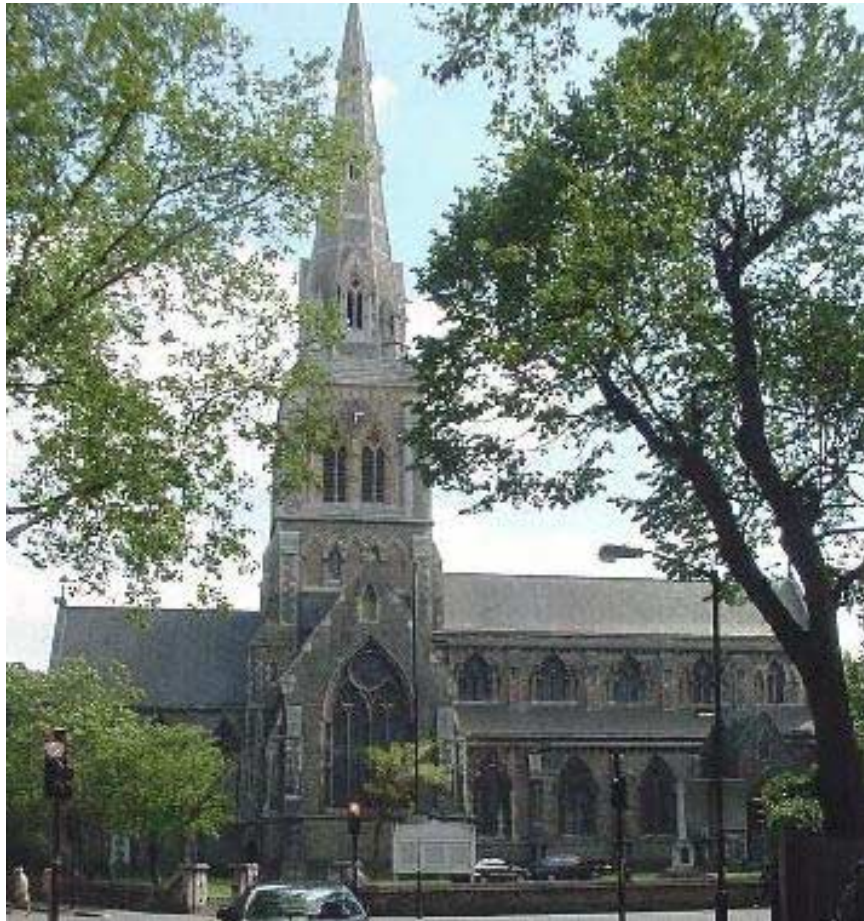


# **A Visit to St. Giles' Church Camberwell**



**Key Stage 2**

## **INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME FROM THE VICAR OF ST. GILES' CAMBERWELL. The Rev Nicholas George**

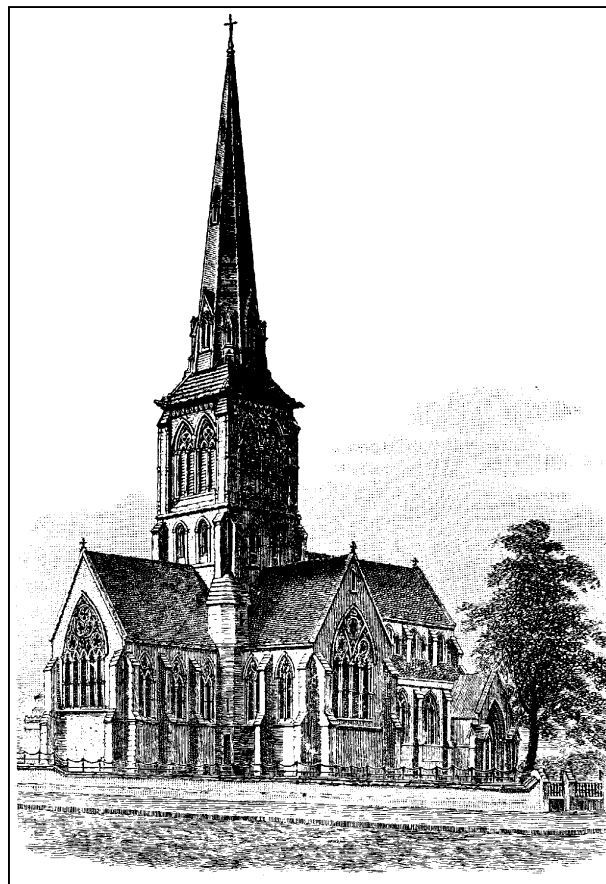
St Giles' Church Camberwell stands on a site consecrated to Christian worship for at least 900 years, maybe even longer.

There is a record in the Domesday book of the church existing in Camberwell. Originally this was the Parish church serving a much larger area that included the villages of Camberwell, Peckham and Dulwich. There are many ancient Boundary stones to prove this.

The Church that you are visiting today was built in 1844 as the previous building had been destroyed by fire. Sir Gilbert Scott was the Architect and now this ancient parish church serves many people who live and work in this area

Ask your teacher to explain some of the words I have used in this welcome and see if you can discover more about the church and its history

Please enjoy your visit and remember that this is a place of worship that is very special to some people.



St. Giles Church a hundred years ago.

## A PLAN OF ST. GILES' CAMBERWELL

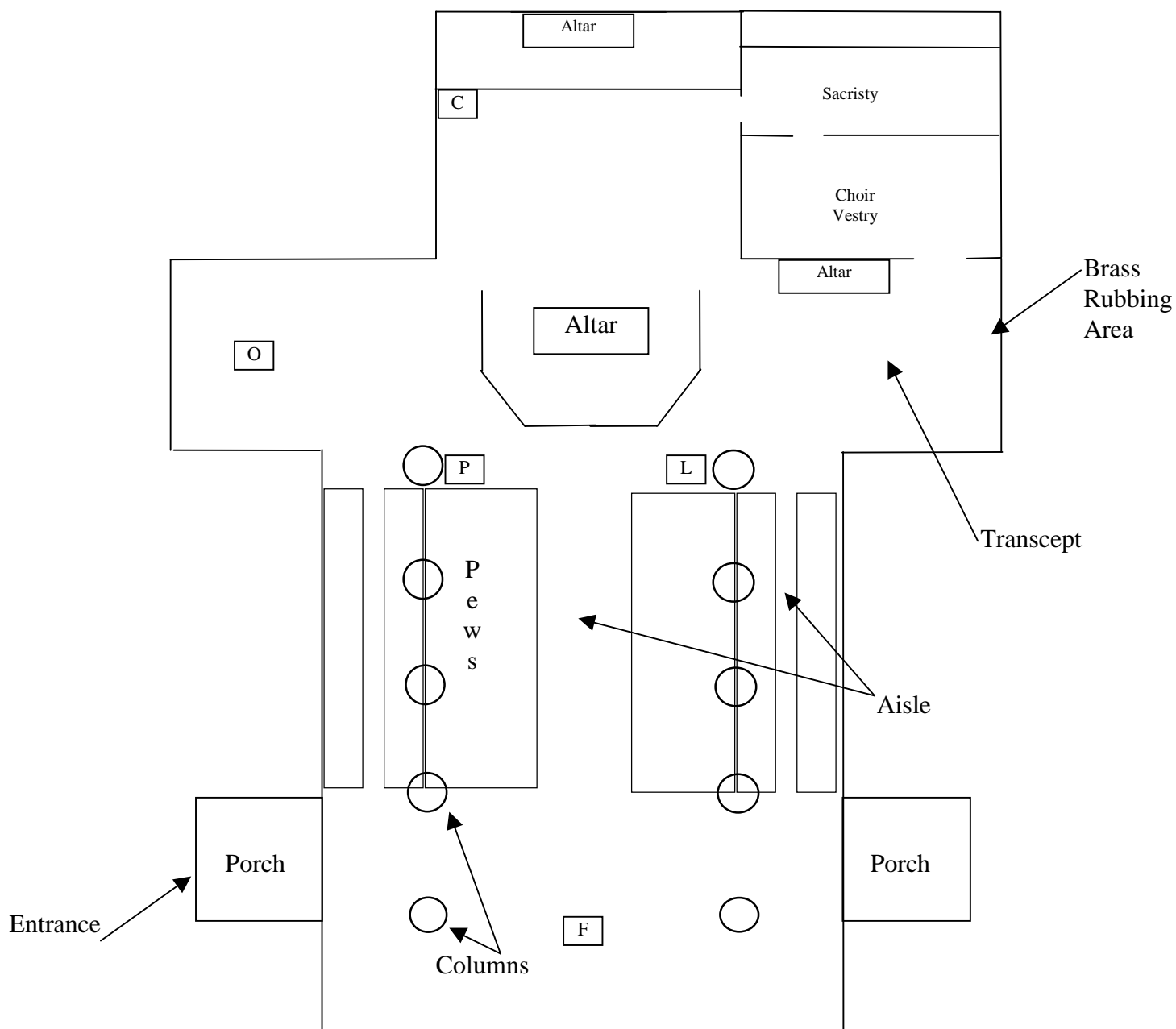
Listen to your GUIDE and try to match the following words to the special places and objects which you can see.

**ALTAR**    **PASCHAL CANDLE**    **FONT**    **TABERNACLE**  
**LECTERN**    **ICON**    **PULPIT**    **STAINED GLASS WINDOWS**  
**PEW**    **CONFESSIONAL**    **ORGAN**    **CRUCIFIX**

HOW MANY STATUES CAN YOU FIND?

WHO DO THE STATUES REPRESENT?

WHAT OTHER SPECIAL PLACE NAMES HAVE YOU LEARNT?



# OBJECTS IN ST GILES' CHURCH

Look at these sentences

Look at these words

Try to match the WORDS with the SENTENCES

**AISLE      ALTAR      CHANCEL      CONFESSIONAL      CRUCIFIX**

**FONT      HASSOCK      LECTERN      NAVE      ORGAN**

**PASCHAL CANDLE      PEW      PULPIT      SANCTUARY**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS      TABERNACLE      VOTIVE CANDLE**

1. The main body of the church building is called.....
2. The area at the end of the Church where the choir sits.....
3. The area around the Altar.....
4. The passageway leading down the church.....
5. The places for the congregation to sit in.....
6. The proper name for the kneelers.....
7. The place where the Bible is read from during services.....
8. The place where the sermon is preached.....
9. The musical instrument used that has a keyboard and pipes.....
10. The table where the Mass is celebrated.....
11. The safe where consecrated bread is kept.....
12. A cross with the image of Christ on it.....
13. The set of 14 pictures which tell the story of Jesus' Passion.....
14. A Candle lit for private prayer as an offering to God.....
15. The place where people confess their sins before a priest.....
16. The Easter candle, lit during the rest of the year at Baptisms.....
17. The BOWL used for Baptism.....

# FIND OUT WHAT HAPPENS AT THE FOLLOWING PLACES

ALTAR



LECTERN



PULPIT



## **PRAYER CANDLE STAND ( VOTIVE)**

Most churches have a special place where people can offer personal PRAYERS

This is called a VOTIVE candle because the word VOTIVE means “ for a special cause”

Look at all the special prayers that have been left by other worshippers.

Can you think of someone or something you would like to pray for

**LIGHT a CANDLE**

**SAY your PRAYER**

**Draw a picture of the PRAYER STAND/ or the PRAYER TABLE that has an ICON on it**

**What is an ICON ?**

**Where can you find examples of ICONS in St Giles?**

## **THE SPECIAL SYMBOL FOR CHRISTIANITY IS THE CROSS**

In many churches you will see a variety of different CROSSES but in St Giles' you will see TWO types.

### **A CROSS**

A CROSS



### **A CRUCIFIX**



Look at the pictures and see what the difference is between a CROSS and a CRUCIFIX

Christian Churches use the CROSS to remind their followers that JESUS died on a CROSS.

#### **1. THE CRUCIFIX**

This has the body of Jesus fixed on it to remind Christians that Jesus suffered and died on the Cross.

#### **2. THE CROSS**

This is the empty cross that reminds Christians that Jesus did not stay on the Cross but He rose from the dead to open the way to Heaven to all.

## **PEOPLE IN THE CHURCH**

A CHURCH may be a building but it needs people to do Gods' work.  
So a CHURCH can also known as a group of people who are trying to serve God in many ways.

There are many jobs to be done just as there are in our homes and in school.

Look at this list of people who have special jobs to do and see if you can discover what they do in the Church.

**PRIEST**

**SACRISTAN**

**SERVER**

**ORGANIST**

**SIDESPERSION**

**CRUCIFER**

**THURIFER**

**CHOIR**

**CHURCHWARDEN**

**SEXTON**

**BELLRINGERS**

Find out what SERVICES take place in the CHURCH ?

Find out what SPECIAL clothes are worn on CHURCH and who wears them?

## WORSHIP IN THE CHURCH

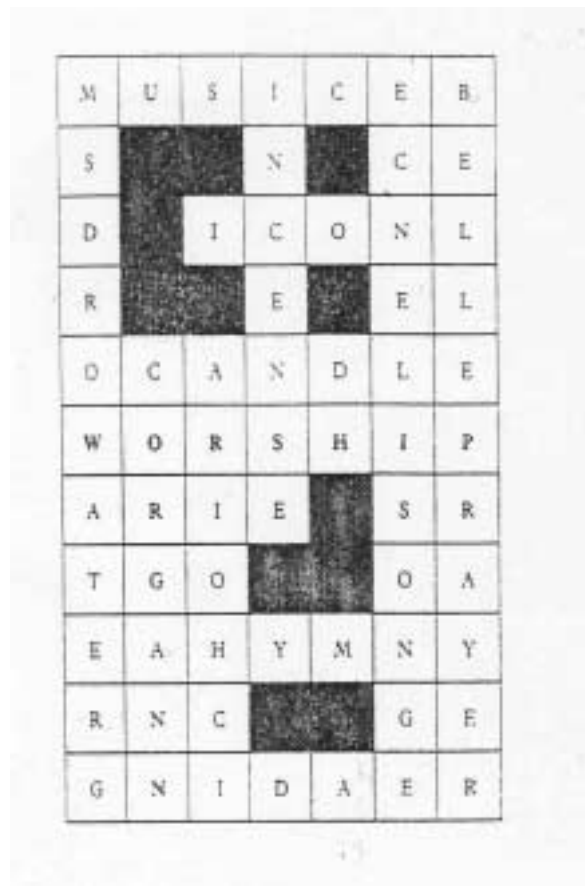
Look at the wordsearch.

There are 15 words to do with worship in the Church.

The words go in all directions. All the letters are used and some words overlap.

WORSHIP is given, now find the other 14 words.

1. WORSHIP
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.
- 9.
- 10.
- 11.
- 12.
- 13.
- 14.
- 15.



Now use the words to help you to answer these questions

1. What is rung to call people to worship?
2. When entering Church some Christians dip their hands in.....?
3. What can you sometimes smell in Churches, it helps to remind us of God's holiness?
4. What do people often like about an empty church?
5. What can be lit to help Christians to pray?
6. What is the name of the group of people who lead the singing in Church?
7. What is meant by "talking to God"?
8. What are the special songs called that are sung in Church?
9. What instrument is associated with church music?
10. What is the special name given to paintings often found in Orthodox churches?

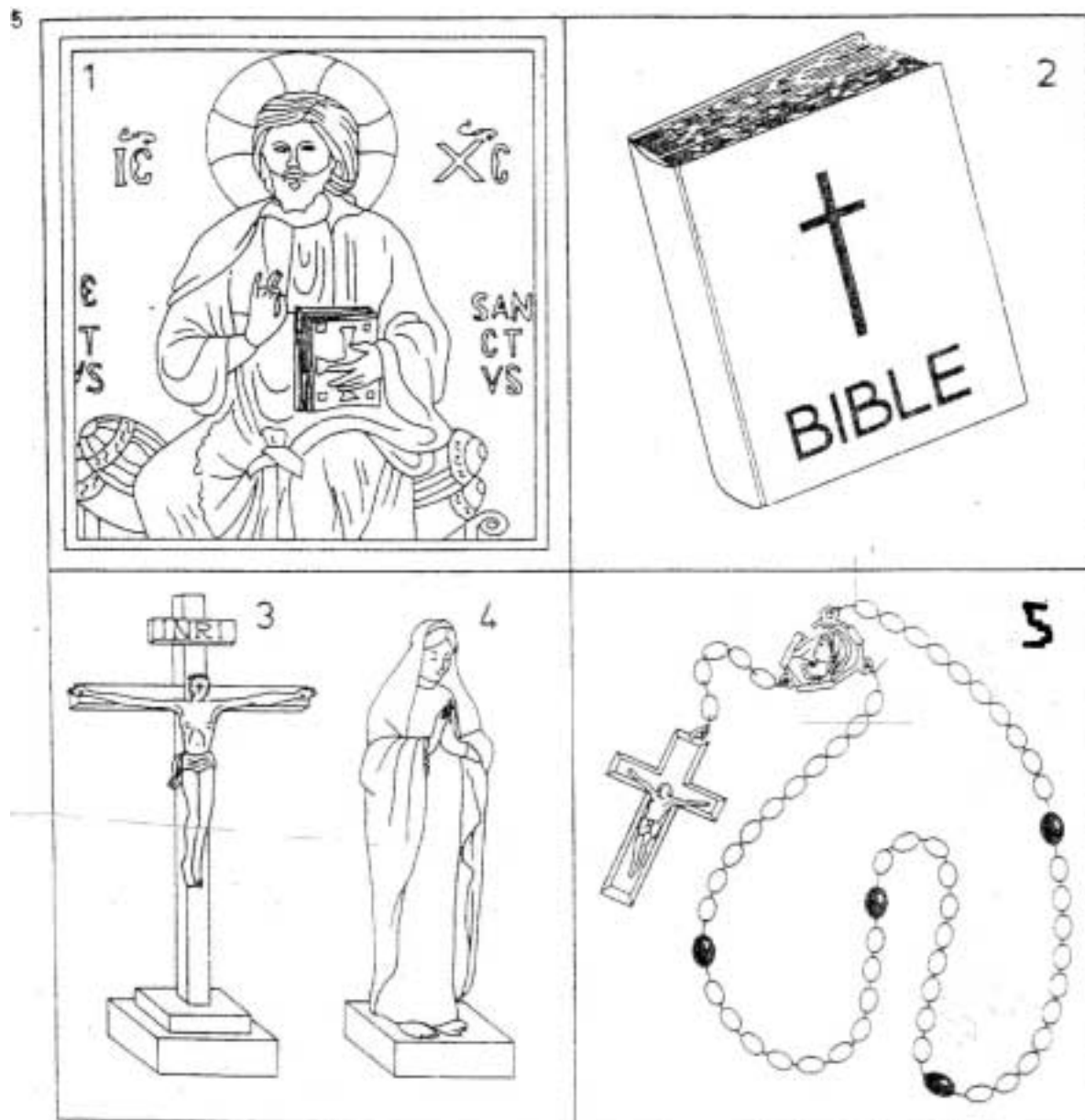
## OBJECTS ASSOCIATED WITH PRAYER

You have visited the VOTIVE ( Prayer) CANDLE STAND but there are other symbolic objects associated with PRAYER

Christians , like believers in other religions, think that Praying to God is very important.

Can you find examples of these objects in St Giles' Church?

Where can you find them and what are they called?



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## MEMBERSHIP OF THE CHURCH

Originally BAPTISM was the rite of membership into the Christian Church and this is still recognised as this Sacrament signals a NEW BIRTH and a new beginning as a member of Christ's body -- the Church.

### Special objects are used for BAPTISM

1. Try to find out why the FONT is placed near to the door of the Church?
2. What does the Font contain and why?
3. Which candle is lit at Baptism ?
4. Why is oil used?



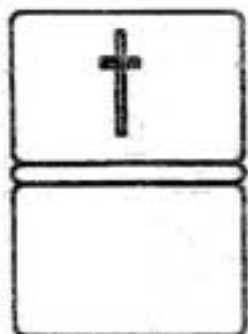
SMALL CANDLE



FONT



EASTER CANDLE



OIL