

Lichfield Cathedral Pilgrimage: Family Quiz

1. At the West Front of the Cathedral (other than the names at foot of the statue!) what symbols identify St Peter, St Paul, St Stephen and St Thomas? What is the meaning of the symbol?
 - a. **St Peter holds the keys of the kingdom, entrusted to him by Jesus. (Matthew 16.13-19)**
 - b. **St Paul holds the sword which was used to behead him, when he was martyred in Rome. He can also usually be identified by having a bald head!**
 - c. **St Stephen (the first Christian martyr) is identified by the stones that were used to kill him. (Acts 7.54-60)**
 - d. **St Thomas holds a T-square, not because he was thought to be, for example, a draughtsman or carpenter but because he wanted to measure/have physical evidence that Jesus had risen from the dead. (John 20 24-30)**
2. Which mysteries of salvation are represented in the icons in the nave of the Cathedral
 - a. **The icons of the Archangel Gabriel and Our Lady represent the mystery of the Annunciation**
 - b. **The icon of the Crucifixion reminds of Jesus saving death on the Cross – dying to free us from our sins.**
3. What is represented in the design of the base of the nave altar? How does it relate to the Eucharist?

The Tree of Life – the site of the sin of Adam and Eve – stands beneath the altar. What was a source of condemnation and death is redeemed by Christ and becomes a source of life for us.
4. On what day of the year (or at which Mass) would the *Pedilavium* be used? **Maundy Thursday and Mass of the Lord's Supper, for the ritual remembering of Jesus washing the feet of his disciples.**
5. How many sides does the cathedral's font have? What is the significance of that number? **Eight. The week of the first creation has seven days. Jesus is raised from the dead on the first day of the week 7+1=8. 8 is a symbol of the new creation which begins with Christ's Resurrection, and into which we are re-born through baptism.**
6. What mystery of salvation is represented in the mural painted above the arch leading from the Chapter Room? **The Assumption of Our Lady into heaven at the end of her earthly life.**
7. What is the name of the saint whose figure stands over the Book of Remembrance in St Michael's Chapel (beside the Cathedral shop)

St George – the soldier saint who is patron saint of England.
8. In the South Aisle you will find a stained-glass window showing three saints. What are their names and what is happening in each scene?
 - a. **St Paul receiving the call to bring the Gospel to Europe. (Acts 16.9)**
 - b. **St Peter receiving the keys to the Kingdom and the call to feed the Lord's sheep/lambs (John 21.15-21)**
 - c. **St Philip receiving the Ethiopian eunuch and baptising him (Acts 8.26-40)**
 - d. Why are these appropriate saints for a window commemorating a bishop? **They represent the work of sharing the Gospel with others – a work for the bishop but also for all Christians.**
9. What event is commemorated in the carved golden stone over the door from St Chad's Head Chapel? **St Chad resisting the gift of a horse to help him with his work of visiting the people of his diocese (horses were associated with wealth and power. The saint wanted to live a life of humble service.**
10. Which Catholic Bishop donated to Lichfield Cathedral the relics of St Chad enclosed in the shrine of St Chad? **Archbishop Bernard Longley**