



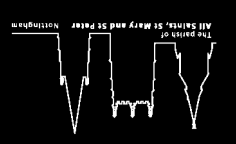
Activity Leaflet for 4 to 11 year olds

# Birds, Beasts and Medieval Treasures

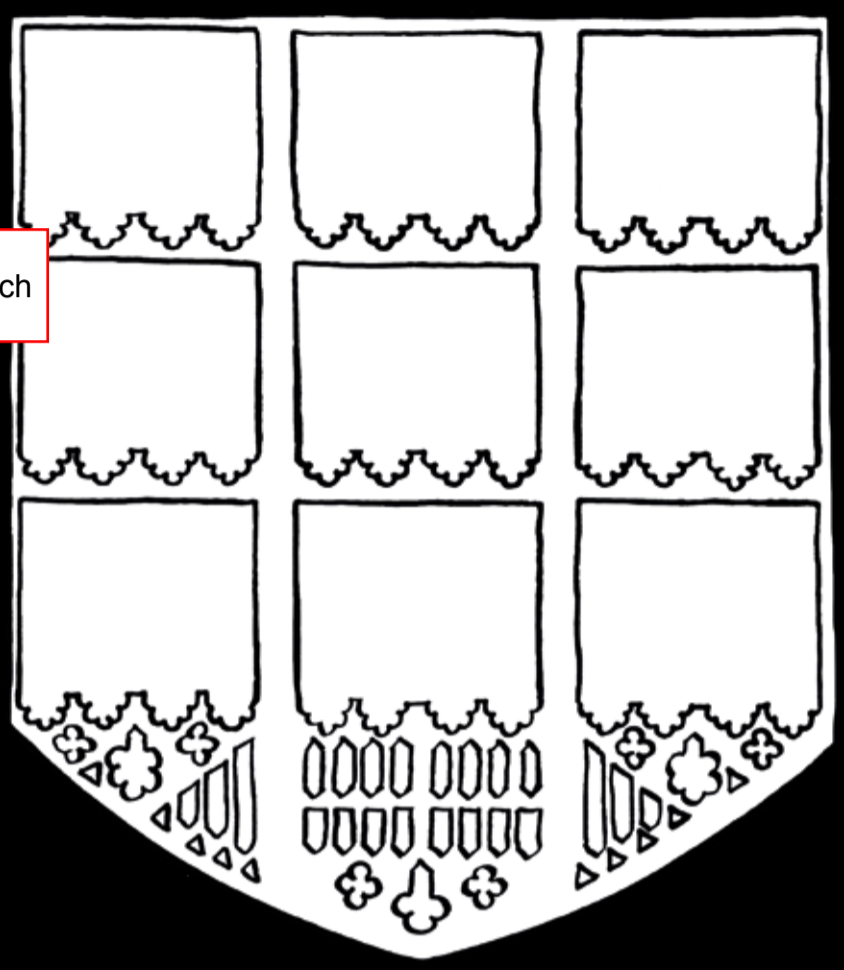
of St Mary's Church, Nottingham

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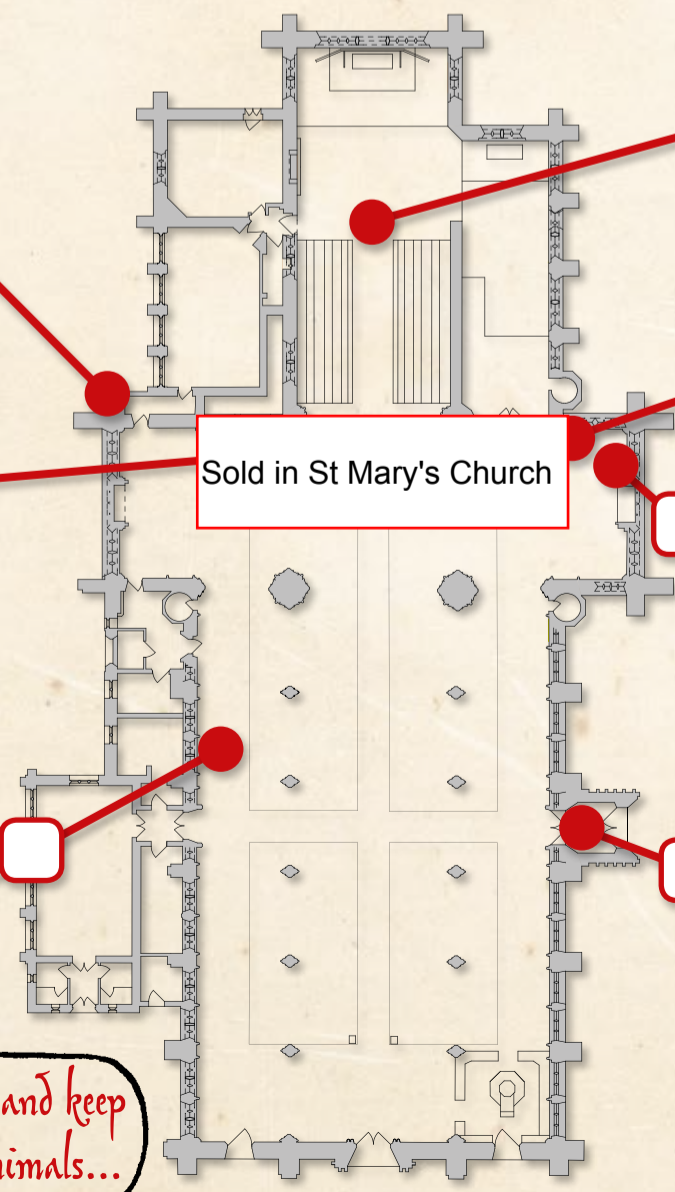
Sold in St Mary's Church



Look around at some of the beautiful stained glass windows. Many of them tell stories from the Bible. Can you design your own window here?

## St Mary's Beast Hunt

Look up high, look down low. Find the beasts - tick as you go!



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We live in the church and keep an eye on the other animals...

...don't forget to find us too!





# Medieval St Mary's

In the 1300s Nottingham was vibrant and prosperous, with rich merchants, important trades and good transport links by river and road. Then in 1348-49 the Black Death killed around half the people, a great set-back. No-one knew what caused this; some thought it was a punishment from God. Prosperity returned as the century ended, and with it the confidence to rebuild St Mary's Church in the most up to date style.

**A** The font holds the holy water used for baptisms.



In medieval times fonts had lids to stop people stealing holy water to give to sick family members! Our beautiful wooden lid was carved in 1957; it's made of oak and is very heavy. How is it lifted up?

**E** In 1401 the Pope said that in return for money to rebuild St Mary's he could do a deal with God for your sins when you died.

Look on the wall for a scene carved from white stone called alabaster. Draw lines to label who's who. (Clue: look at the hats!)



Cardinal



Bishop



**B** St Mary's was central to life in the borough and important events like elections were held here. Many former mayors are buried in the church.

Find the tomb of the Samon family. The stone figure has been damaged. Use your imagination to fill in the details.



**C** Services were said in Latin when St Mary's was built.

Find this stone coat of arms. Its Latin motto means 'Fortune favours the brave'.



Fill in the missing letters.

S \_ E S \_ V D A \_ E S  
A \_ I V V \_ T

**D** In medieval times churches were beautifully decorated. They often had colourful paintings on the walls and stained glass windows.

Find 2 small windows made from fragments of broken stained glass.



Look carefully - can you find these pieces?

**F** Many of the stone walls that surround you are over 500 years old. Each stone was carved by hand by craftsmen called stonemasons.

Each stonemason marked every piece of stone he produced with his own special symbol. This showed his boss how much work he'd done and made sure that he was paid enough money.



Look for this mason's mark above the door.

Design your own mason's mark here.



**G** Stonemasons also carved beautiful decorations. Which of these pictures match the two carved heads above the doorway?



We think they are King Richard II and his queen, Anne of Bohemia. (We don't know for certain as portraits of medieval kings and queens often look very similar.)

