

Worksheet: Checking Churches 1

Activity 1: Visit the church



Churches and their grounds are special places, so make sure you show respect and talk quietly when doing these activities.

Look at the outside of the church, and write down the answers to these questions:

Does the church look well cared for, or does it look run down?	
Is there a sign outside giving the times of services? Write down the service times.	
Does the sign say who is the vicar, priest, minister or elder? Write down the names.	
Are there any other notices? What do they say?	
Are there any graves with flowers on, or any modern gravestones?	



Do you think many people use this church?

Give your reasons.

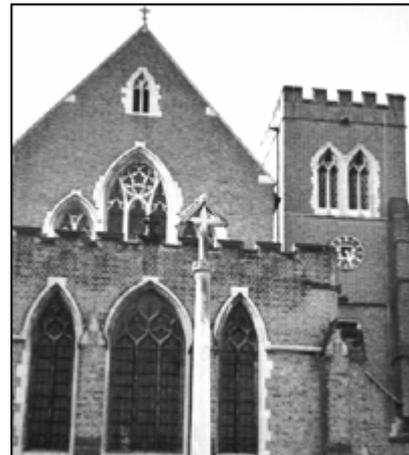
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If possible, walk around the outside of the church.

Activity 2: Architecture

Churches were often rebuilt and added to over the years. Look carefully at the brick or stonework. Can you see any signs of alteration? In particular, look at the windows. Are there different designs? Draw the areas which you think show that the church has been added to or rebuilt.

The church may have a flagpole in the grounds or on a tower. What do you think it is used for?



Activity 3: Graveyard

? **Does the church have a graveyard?** If not, where do you think people were buried?

If there is a graveyard:

? **Look at the dates on the graves.** What is the oldest grave, and what does that tell you about the age of the church?

? **Are there any very large or ornamental gravestones or monuments?** What does it tell you about the people buried there or commemorated?

? **Are the gravestones in their original position or have they been moved?** What does this tell you about the use of the area and how modern people view graveyards?

? **What types of trees are growing around the church?** Do you think they are significant?