

You can use the boxes below to write down other interesting and unusual things that you notice along the way, and any questions you have about the churches.

INTERESTING AND UNUSUAL THINGS:

QUESTIONS:

Your name:

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NHCT Children's Trails - 1) West - Angels and Dragons Trail



This trail is one of four which cover all parts of the city. Trail leaflets can be picked up at St Stephens (Rampant Horse St), St Peter Mancroft and several of the other churches.

To check your answers and claim your Trail rewards come to St Stephens on Sat 29 April / Sun 30 April / Mon 1 May, 10.30-4pm.

This trail begins at St Stephen's, and heads in a clockwise direction past the sites of the nine Medieval churches which lie to the west of the city centre. Three are still used for worship, whilst five now have other uses, and only the tower remains for one. **Allow 1.5-2 hours to complete.**

Did you know?

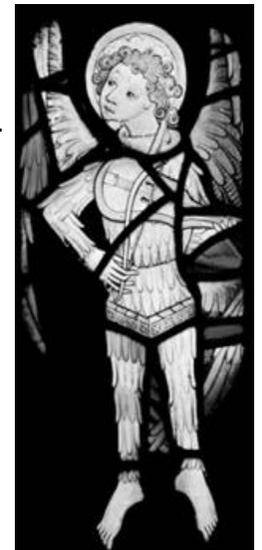
We have more medieval churches in Norwich than any other city in Britain or even Northern Europe

In medieval times Norwich was the second city of England - London was the only city that was larger and richer

Norwich was a very rich city because of wool. There were lots of sheep farms in the countryside around, and wool was sold from Norwich and also spun, dyed and woven into fabric here. In Medieval times wool was one of the few things used for making cloth and most clothes were made of wool.

There were over 60 churches built in medieval times in Norwich. 31 of them are still here, but others have been knocked down or have collapsed, and some have disappeared altogether, and are known as the "lost" churches.

The area around a church is called a parish. Many parishes went down to the river. The river was important for transporting bales of wool bringing in goods from elsewhere.



How many angels and dragons can you spot on this trail?

ANGELS

DRAGONS

4. St Benedicts

Look for the skull and crossbones on the stones outside the door. What could these stand for?

Can you tick the correct answer: Only the tower remains because ...

The church fell down because it was old

The church was bombed in WW2

Someone wanted to build flats on the church site

3. St Giles

Look for the gargoyles which are used as water spouts, and others made to get rid of evil spirits.

Draw your favourite gargoyle here!

Look out for the mason's mark on the church wall near the porch 

5. St Swithins

This church no longer has a tower. What is this church used for nowadays?

6. St Margarets

Can you spot the church boundary plaques? What do these tell you?

7. St Laurence

Look down the alley at the side of St Laurence to see the carvings above the door. Who are they?

8. St Gregory

What is the church used for now?

Look for the wall painting inside the church. What is it?

The alleyway to the east was once the line of a Roman road.

9. St John Maddermarket

What is the connection between Will Kemp (an associate of Shakespeare) and this church?

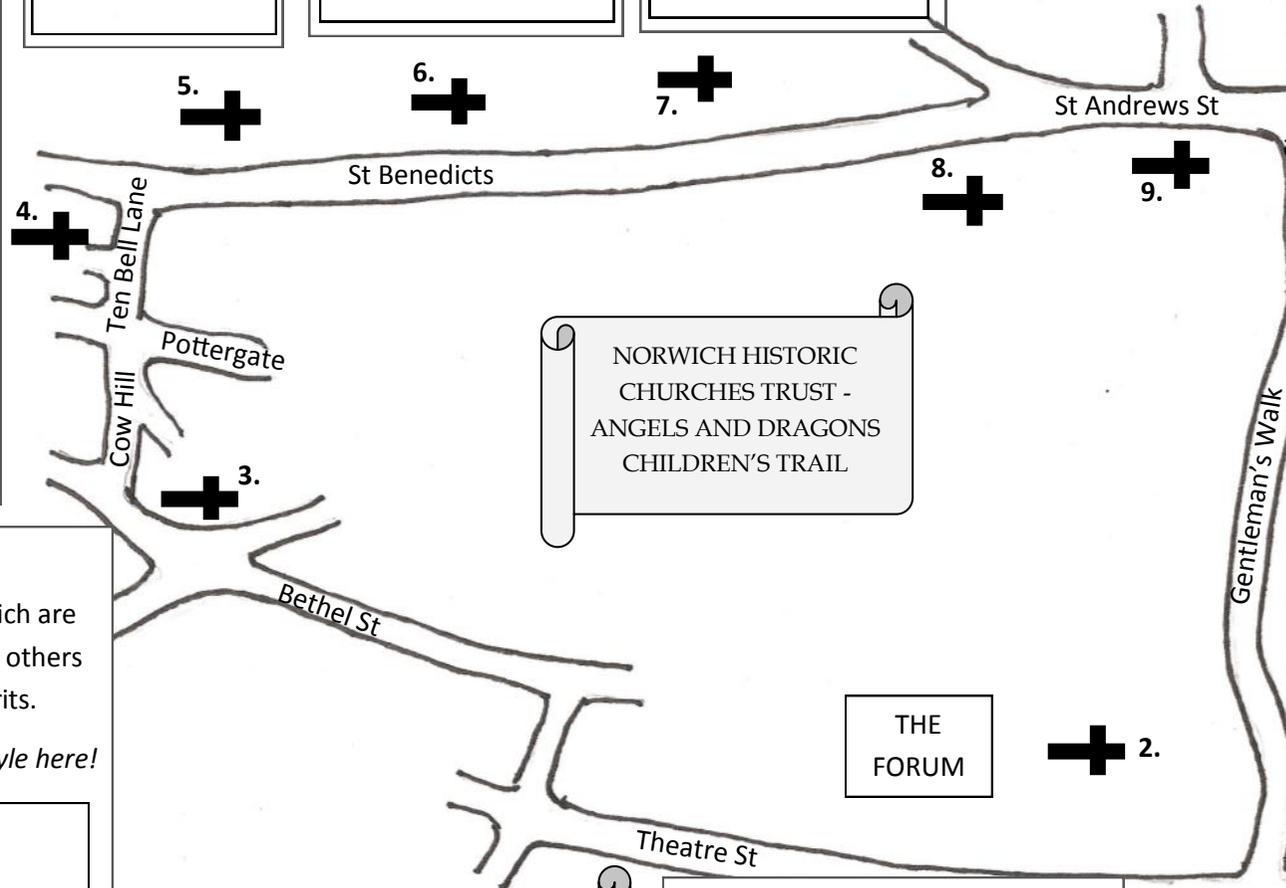
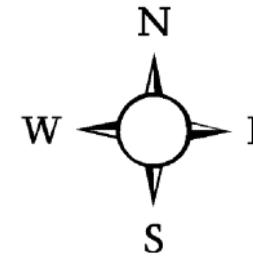
Look out for the alleyway that goes under the church tower!

1. St Stephens **START HERE**

This church was rebuilt on an existing site. Can you find out when this happened?

Can you find the St Stephens window? How many angels can you see there?

What is unusual about the tower?



The trail starts at St Stephens, then goes in a clockwise direction, passing the churches which lie in the west part of the city.

2. St Peter Mancroft

This is the largest church in Norwich; only the two Cathedrals are bigger. Look at the fine stained glass windows - can you draw a picture of your favourite? (turn over for space)

