

HORNSEA OUTDOOR RESIDENTIAL CENTRE

THE PARISH CHURCH OF SAINT NICHOLAS, HORNSEA



These questions will help you find the most interesting things about the Church.

START IN THE PORCH, THEN TURN LEFT INSIDE THE DOOR AND WORK YOUR WAY ROUND THE CHURCH IN A CLOCKWISE DIRECTION.

1. Look at the left hand wall of the porch. Why do you think two figures were left exposed when it was plastered up?
2. Look above the door. Of whom is the statue?
3. By whom was that statue presented? Why on that particular day?
4. Of whom or what is St Nicholas the Patron Saint? (If you study the statue carefully you will find a clue – think of Santa Claus, which is another name for St Nicholas).
5. There are also churches dedicated to St Nicholas at Scarborough and other seaside towns. This is because St Nicholas is also the Patron Saint of another group of people. Who are they? (There is another clue in the West window – What is Saint Nicholas holding?)
6. Enter the Church and turn to your left. Notice that there was once a lifeboat station at Hornsea. Why do you think there is no longer one?
7. Look at a piece of glass in the plain window above the children's corner which is different from the rest and keep this in mind for a later question.
8. The stone bowl is called a font. What is it used for? The brass vessel near it is used for pouring water.
9. Near the font is another record of lifeboats. How many lives have been saved altogether by Hornsea lifeboats?
10. Which public house is mentioned in the West window?

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11. Near the West door you will find a clue to what must have been the method of lighting the church before the coming of electricity. How was it lit?
12. How many bells are there in the tower? When and why were they installed? (The answer can be found without trying to climb the steps).
13. Proceed through the archway ahead of you. Which family had their Christmas spoiled by tragedy in 1801?
14. On your left is a stained glass window showing Christ stilling the storm. Why do you think the donor of this window chose this scene?
15. Look at the Roll of Rectors and Vicars. How many vicars has the Church had during this century?
16. How did Charles William Loten and Terrance Carroll give their lives?
17. Two effigies lie near the pulpit. Who are they thought to represent?
18. The lady is resting her feet on a?
19. Who is shown on the banner of the C.E.M.S?
20. Look at the plain East window near the organ. Where do you think there is a piece of very ancient glass? (Compare with the West window).
21. Turn towards the altar and look at the large East window. What sort of people are shown in the small upper lights of the window?
22. In whose memory were the centre lights installed?
23. What scenes are depicted in the East window?
24. While you are near the altar, turn and look through the carved screen at the arch. What can you see to show that the roof of the Church must once have been lower than it is now?
25. Turn back to the altar and look at the tomb on your right. Whose tomb is this?
26. Walk between the choir stalls and down the chancel steps. Who erected the Rood Screen?
27. Turn left into the Lady Chapel, up the steps. Who is the Lady to whom the Chapel is dedicated? (The Mothers' Union banner may give you a clue).
28. What scene is represented by the wood carving on the altar of the Lady Chapel?
29. Go out of the Lady Chapel down the steps. Walk down the aisle and look at the stained glass window on your left. Why is there an archway in the wall?