



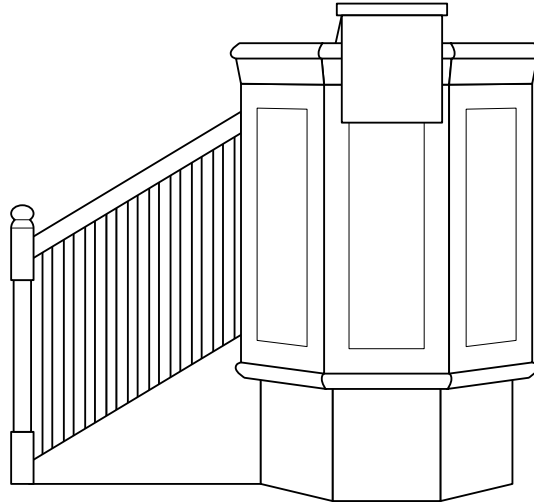
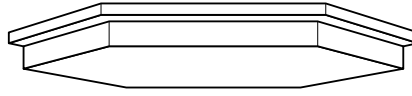
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Inside a church

The church is made up of several parts.



Q1. (i) What is the object shown in the picture. 

(ii) Who uses it? 

(iii) What is it used for?



Q2. In what part of the church are pews found?



Q3. Who uses the pews?





Q4. Which ways do the pews face?



Q5. What are chapels used for?







Answers

1. (i) a pulpit, (ii) A preacher, (iii) The priest gives a sermon in it.
2. In the nave.
3. The people who worship in the church – the congregation.
4. Towards the altar.
5. Small groups of people worship in them or people sit quietly on their own in them.

Lesson objectives

- ▶ To introduce some of the major features of the inside of a parish church.
- ▶ To understand the functions of some of the major internal features of a parish church.

Teaching notes

In an old parish church, the central part of the nave is often the oldest and the aisles to the north and south of its arches have been built later. The shape of the arches indicates the times at which they were built. If the arch is semicircular it was built in Norman times (1066 to 1200). If the arch comes to a point it is a Gothic arch (1175 to 1550). There are three phases of English Gothic architecture – they are Early English (1175 to 1270), Decorated (1250 to 1370) and perpendicular (1340 to 1550). Put very simply the amount of carving in the arch increases from the first to the last phase. It is also important to remember that some churches built long after this time, in the nineteenth century for example, were built in the Gothic style.

If you have previously studied the mosque you may like to compare the nave to the prayer hall and point out that when Christians pray they bow their heads or kneel on a cushion called a hassock. The covers for the hassocks are sometimes made by members

of the congregation and feature important Christian symbols.

Lesson outcomes

- ▶ The children can identify some of the major features of the inside of a parish church.
- ▶ The children can explain the functions of some of the major internal features of a parish church.

Complementary work

The aisles are used by the congregation to reach the pews but they may also be used in processions. Find out about the processions which take place inside the local church during the year. For example, where does the procession go from the vestry in ordinary services and who is in it.

Resources

The priest at the local parish church.