

St Mary the Virgin, Charminster, Dorset, DT2 7RD

Trail for children

Explanatory notes and answers are available

Start the trail at the grey arrow Follow the numbers from 1-14.

(and accompanying adults)

YOUR NAME : 2. TOWER **1 FONT** What hang in the roof space of the tower? B _ _ _ _ What goes into the font when someone (usually a baby) is made a member of the church? How many ropes are there? W The font is two different shapes -In several places on the walls of the tower find two letters linked together. The top is C _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ They are **T**homas **T**renchard's initials. The middle is octagonal with ____ sides? It is known as a monogram. **3 NAVE 4 CLERESTORY & CORBELS** EAST There is an arcade of arches. There are windows, high up in the uppermost storey, known as The Clerestory Are these Chancel Rounded or Pointed ? Wolfetor Chapel North 5 Nave Supporting the arches are huge Aisle circular 12th century pillars with carvings. 3 How many styles and sizes can Porch Τ___ you see? Draw the design of one of them. TUNNING Organ Supporting the wooden roof Loft ridge are some stone carvings called corbels. How many can you see? Tower **6** STAINED GLASS WINDOW 1 (Start) **5 SOUTH CHAPEL** WEST How many table tombs, now **7 GRACE POLE MEMORIAL** badly damaged with no names, can you see ? A very well restored monument of a ladv dressed in blue. Why do we call this a 'chapel' What is she doing? rather than an Aisle? Because it has an A _ _ _ _ When did she die? - - - -To the right of the altar, in the south wall, is a piscina. What Name her husband do you think it is for? Who is the figure with a halo in W_____ P____ the centre of the windows? Her Father's name?

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More questions on the back

8 PULPIT		9 CHANCEL ARCH
What is this fine 17th century Pulpit made of? W	Chancel 10	In what way is it a different shape to the arches in the Nave?
	11 9 South Aisle Nave 12 Porch 13	Where else in the church have you seen this type of decoration?
		To the left of the arch there is a stencilled wall painting. What colours are the paintings?
	Organ Bell Bell Tower	What do you think they are?
Why is it so high?		Approximately how old do you think they are?
		100 200 300 400 600 years old?
10 CHANCEL	11 SQUINT	12 NORTH AISLE
Once you have gone up two steps and through the arch you are standing in the Chancel.	Standing by the altar, look through the hole (known as the squint) in th	What happens in the North Aisle?
What is the main feature covered in a cloth?	East wall. What musical instrument can you se	ee?
What coloured cloth is on the altar today?	O (at least the console or keyboard part of it)	
Where can you see a cross or	Who will have a really good view of the Priest in the chancel?	
crucifix?	0	
13 ORGAN	Design a monogram of	14 KNEELER CUSHIONS
The organ appears to be in two places in the North Aisle.	your initials	What is the main colour of the beautifully embroidered kneeler
Put an X where you think the sound comes from.		cushions?
The organ pipes are raised above the floor. They are raised to be able to :		Why was that colour chosen for
A. hear it more clearly?		St Mary's Church Charminster?
B. see it better ?		
C. protect it from flooding?	(See No 2 overleaf)	

BEFORE YOU LEAVE

Before you leave, sit quietly in a pew at the back of the church and think about your visit.

What have you liked best about the church?

We hope you have enjoyed visiting this church and will come again.