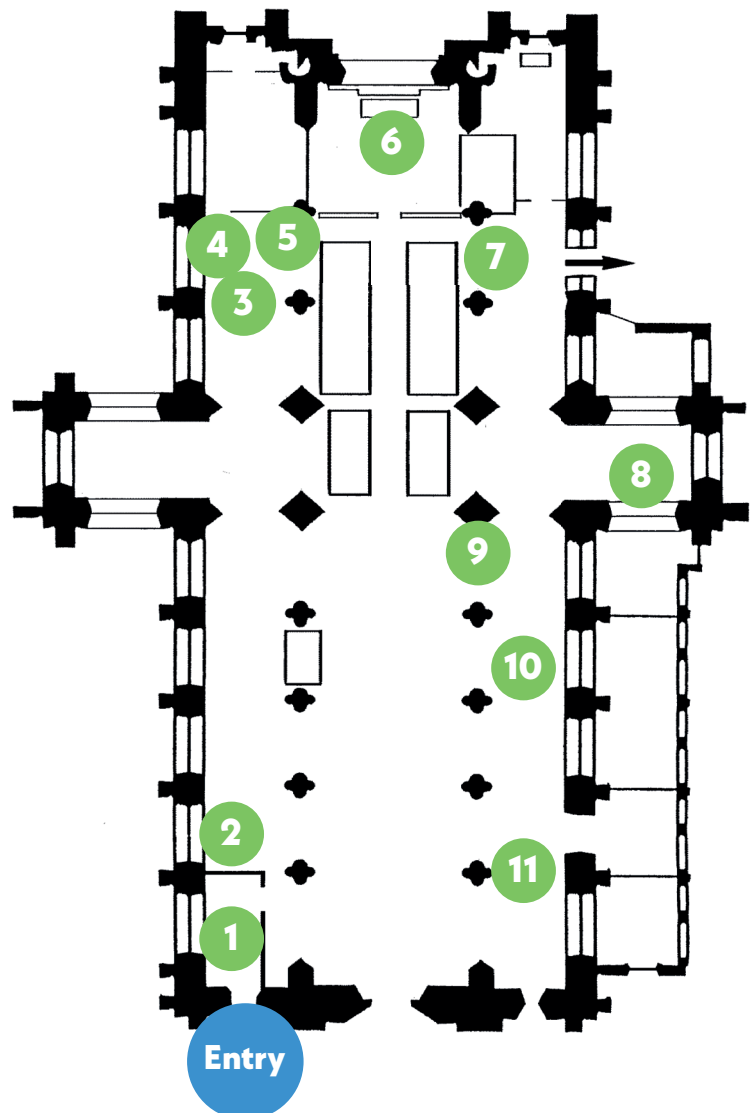




The Treasuring Creation Festival with Luke Jerram's Gaia is celebrating our beautiful Earth. How can we look after it and live in harmony with nature and everyone else who lives on it?

There are so many amazing things to wonder at.

Can you find these fascinating places around the Abbey and tick the circle?



1



This type of dragon is called a wyvern because it only has 2 legs. On a shield it represents power. Dragons are mythological animals which means they don't exist, but there is a real animal called a sea dragon.

FACT

The leafy sea dragon is a fish related to seahorses which lives off Southern Australia. The 'leaves' act as camouflage.



2



On a shield, this porcupine represents strength. It raises the spines on its back when in danger and lives in forests and deserts. One has been recorded as living for 32 years!

FACT

Perhaps surprisingly, it is not related to hedgehogs at all. To encourage hedgehogs (not porcupines!) into your garden, leave a gap under your fence so they can pass through.



Find out more about what you can do



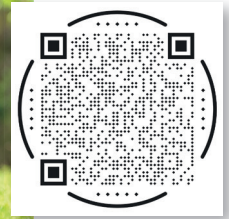
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Admiral Arthur Phillip arrived in Australia by ship in 1788 to start a colony and found amazing plants and animals. More than 80% are unique to Australia, such as kangaroos, because the continent developed separately from the rest of the world over millions of years.

FACT

A male kangaroo is called a boomer, a female kangaroo a flyer, and a baby kangaroo a joey.



Find out more about Australia's unique wildlife

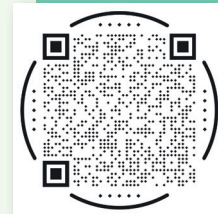
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In the Bible story, Ruth works hard to gather leftover grain in order to help her mother-in-law. It shows the importance of trusting God, kindness for others and not wasting food.

FACT

In the UK, we throw away a quarter of the food we buy every year, about 10 million tons. Some of it is transported across the world in planes to reach our tables.



To find out more, take the quiz here



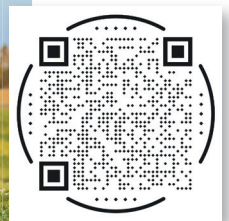
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Horses have helped humans for thousands of years. In the Bible story, the Good Samaritan helps a man attacked by robbers by putting him on his horse and finding him somewhere to stay. It shows that we should always help one another (and animals too!)



Today, there is an estimated worldwide population of 60 million, both wild and domesticated. Did you know - horses have the largest eyes of any land mammal, which can see almost 360 degrees.



More information here

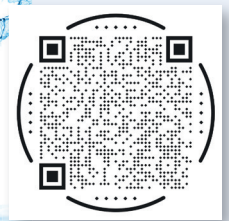
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This scene (near the centre of the window), shows Jesus in a boat with his disciples, calming the wind and waves of a storm, showing him to be the son of God the creator.



Water covers about 71 % of the Earth but it's still a precious resource. 1 in 10 people don't have access to fresh water. You can save water by turning off the tap while you brush your teeth!



Find out more ways here



7



There are plants carved all over this chapel. Over the doorway, there's a strange looking flower which is half a Tudor rose and half a pomegranate. It represents the marriage of King Henry VIII to Katherine of Aragon in 1509.

FACT

Pomegranates were used in medicine for thousands of years and seen as a symbol of both death and birth. Its French name is 'grenade' which gives its name to the grenades used by soldiers.



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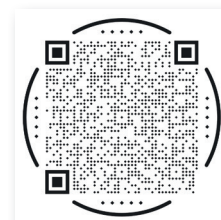
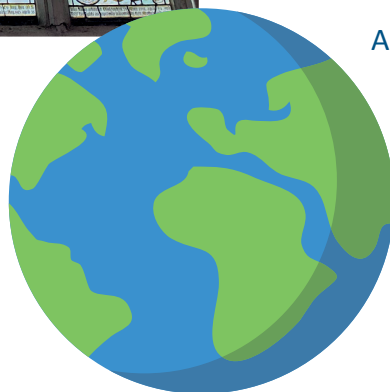


- Canada
- South Africa
- India
- Australia
- New Zealand

At the time this window was made (1914), these countries were part of the British Empire. Today, they are independent and Britain works with them as part of the Commonwealth of Nations to tackle climate change.

FACT

A total of 195 countries have now signed the Paris Climate Agreement to try to limit global warming and protect our wonderful world.



There's a version of the agreement for young people here



9



Lecterns are where the Bible is read out during services. They are often in the shape of an eagle because it swoops up high and also down to earth. It represents the connection of God in heaven with humans below.

FACT

Eagles are large and powerful birds of prey which can be a metre long with a two-metre wingspan. They can dive at speeds of up to 160 km per hour and travel around 200 km in one flight.



10



This memorial shows a boat because William Connolly was a Captain in the Royal Navy who spent his life at sea. Today, when we travel we are more likely to use aeroplanes. We get to places a lot faster but planes contribute a lot to global warming.

FACT

About 15% of the UK's CO2 emissions are caused by flying. If you fly anywhere in the UK it can create 254g per km but if you take a coach instead it's just 28g per km.





11



This flag was given to the Abbey in 1948 as a token of the friendship between Britain and America “in war and in peace”. America has one of the world’s large solar power stations in California which contains 1.7 million panels. It was overtaken in size by China in 2015 but it can power 255,000 homes.



Using more renewable energy from the sun, wind and waves means we can stop using oil and gas. In July 2023, a record-breaking 67% of the UK’s energy came from renewables.



12

If you stand close to Gaia, can you see these features?

Green and brown land



About 30% of the earth is land.

Blue ocean



The Pacific is the world’s deepest ocean with an average depth of 4,280m

White clouds



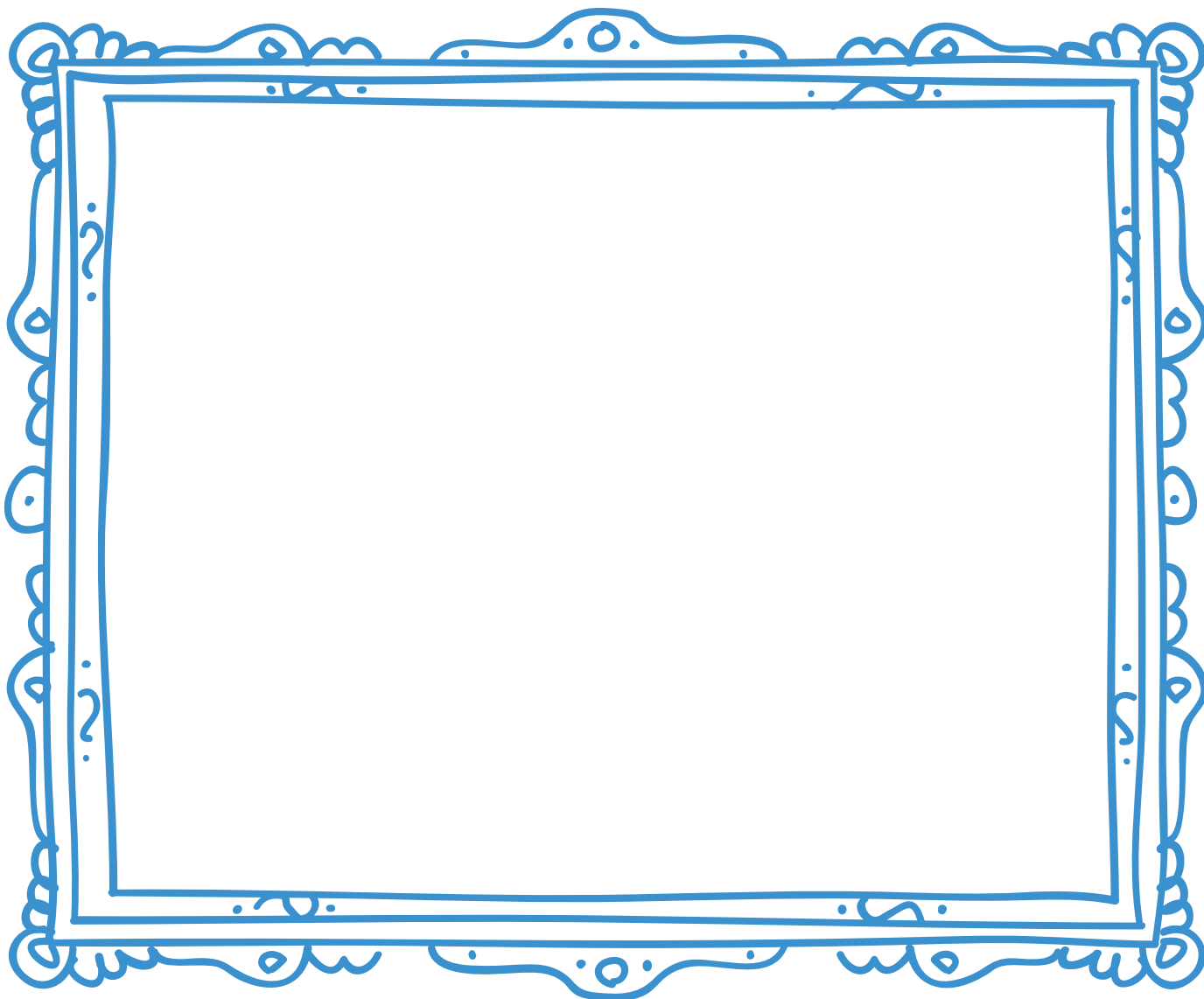
There are more than 100 types of clouds.

You can sketch Gaia on the next page if you want to





Sketch Gaia here



Which object in the Abbey has interested you most today?

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What fact about our wonderful world has surprised you most today?

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Family events during the Treasuring Creation Festival are listed here.

**Thank you for visiting today.**

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