## **FAMILY TRAIL - ALL HALLOWS**

Follow this self-led trail at All Hallows, both around the churchyard and inside the church, and see if you can get all the answers. You will need a pen or pencil to write down your answers. If you get stuck, some answers can be found if you borrow a copy of the self-guided tour from the table inside the church door (please return if afterwards), or you can buy a copy of the guidebook about All Hallows to keep (these are also on the table inside the church door – please put £1 in the slot in the wall or scan the QCR code on the wooden flap almost opposite the table, or use the donation station).

- Outside the entrance to All Hallows is a massive tree. There are several other similar ones in the churchyard and they are famous for being planted in churchyards. What type of tree is it?
   A) Oak B) Yew C) Apple
- 2. Near the big tree is a blue door. What creatures are in the carving above the door and how many of them are there?
- 3. Walk around the outside of the church and see if you can spot some plants that have sharp thorns and colourful flowers climbing the wall. What flowers are these?
- Look up as you walk around the outside of the church and you will see lots of carved faces looking down, including on the bell tower. How many of them have beards?
   A) 3 B) 30 C) 300
- 5. What was planted in the churchyard in memory of Daphne and Jim Switzer?
- 6. Stand outside near the bell tower and you will most likely hear some birds cawing. These particular birds like building nests in the bell tower. Do you know what type of birds they are?

  A) Jackdaws B) Swans C) Owls
- 7. How many windows in the bell tower have a large flower-type decoration carved above them? (Look carefully as two of them are almost hidden from view!)
- 8. What type of bird sits on the weather vane at the very top of the church spire?
- 9. A sign at the edge of the churchyard on the corner of Wells Lane says God has been worshipped here for how many years?
- 10. What plant (famously paired with holly in a Christmas carol) is climbing up several trees in the churchyard?
- 11. Look at the gravestones and see if you can find one with this decoration shown on the right. Whose grave is it and how old was he when he died?
- 12. A bench in the churchyard is dedicated to someone. What was his name?



13. Now step inside the church. What type of stylised flower dating from Tudor times is carved on the font?

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- 14. St Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland and there is a stained glass window dedicated to him. If you can find the window you will see that the decorations at the bottom include a musical instrument and a plant that are symbols of Ireland. Can you name them?
- 15. Also in St Patrick's Window, look carefully and you will see an amphibian and a reptile in the stained glass. But what type of amphibian and reptile are they?
- 16. Henry Portal was a refugee. When he came to this area he established a paper mill in the town and became one of the biggest employers in the area. His growing industry later moved to nearby Laverstoke and later Overton, where until recently paper for bank notes for the Bank of England was made. How many carved memorials to the Portal family are there inside the church?
- 17. The organ is a huge musical instrument with lots of pipes but how many? A) 572 B) 1,384 C) 2,186
- 18. Find the Saxon Stone. A Saxon lady called Frithburga is mentioned on it but what does her name mean?
- 19. The big stained glass window above the altar is of the Crucifixion. Is it on the north, south, east or west wall of the church?
- 20. On the Crucifixion Window, above the head of John the disciple standing next to Jesus on the cross, there is a pink fruit. The particular fruit it represents is mentioned several times in the Bible do you know what it is? If you need a hint, look in a copy of the Bible (you can find some in the pews). For example: Exodus chapter 39, verses 24–26, or Song of Solomon chapter 4, verse 13, or Song of Solomon chapter 8, verse 2.
- 21. Find a plaque that tells you when the organ was installed. What year was it?
- 22. There are two framed document that tell you the names and dates of past vicars of All Hallows. Casper Binner was vicar in which year?
- 23. Close by is a stained glass window known as the Children's Window, dedicated to a boy called Rustat Hemsted who died in 1854. It shows a quote from the Bible (Mark 10:14). What is the quote? If it is difficult to read in the window, have a look in a copy of a Bible, which you can find in the pews.
- 24. The town's war memorials are inside the church and in November wreaths are laid when a special service takes place on Remembrance Sunday. Which flower is associated with Remembrance Day?

And finally, if you have the answers correct you will be able to work out this sum: Multiply the number of bell tower windows with a carved flower by the number of bearded faces. Now add the year Casper Binner was vicar.

Next take away the number of years God has been worshipped in Whitchurch.

Divide by the number of creatures above the blue door.

Now add the number of Portals memorials to get the final answer.

Answers are on the All Hallows website (www.hantswhit.church/trail). Well done if you got everything right!