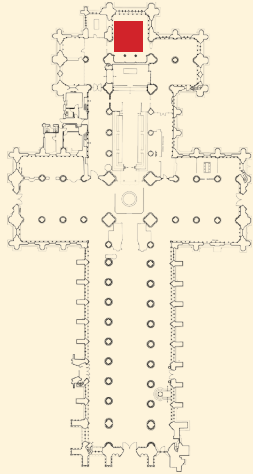


# CONTEMPORARY ART IN AN ANCIENT SETTING

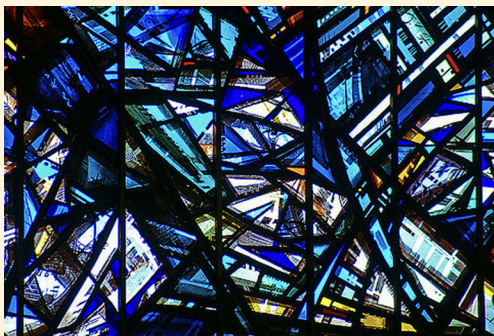


**Where** - Retroquire (see plan)

**What** - The sculpture and the window were designed and made by the artist Helen Whittaker in 2004. The pieces work together as a geometric, triangular pattern. The two copper pilgrims look towards the window and have 3 triangular stained glass hearts within them, creating unity with the window itself. The pieces of glass within the window are also triangular and the viewer's eye is led to follow a spiral pattern of colour, either leading from or to the light at the centre of the window. The triangular theme represents two facets of the Christian faith - Faith, Hope and Love and also The Father, The Son and the Holy Ghost (God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit)

**Activity** - Look closely at the Pilgrimage sculpture. In groups of 3 or 4 see if you can recreate this as a living sculpture. Two people can form the copper statues, 2 people can put them into the right positions. Where are their arms, their legs, which direction are they looking in?

How does this sculpture compare to the older sculptures? What is different? What is the same?



Look at the modern stained glass window and compare it to the old windows. Which do you like better and why? Think of some great words that describe the windows, how are they different? How are they the same? - can you think of words that describe how the windows make you feel? Or how the sculpture makes you feel. Or how anything else in the Minster makes you feel.

There is a theme of 3 to these artworks - you might like to discuss the groups of 3 explained above and think about what other things might come in groups of 3.

*("Life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness", "Government of the people, by the people, for the people", "Friends, Romans, Countrymen", "Blood, sweat, and tears", "Location, location, location", "Mind, body, spirit", "Stop, Look, and Listen", "I came, I saw, I conquered")*

**Resources** - card, scissors, glue sticks and tissue paper to make your own stained glass window

**Curriculum links** - Art & Design, RE, Maths

**Duration** - 30 minutes

