

## St Mary's Church, Bowness



We hope that you find lots to see in the Church. To help you look around the Church, try to find some of these things.



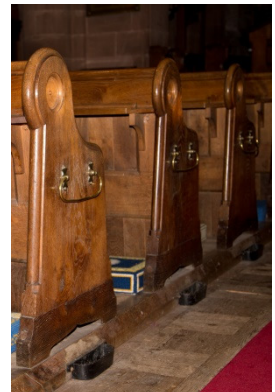
### The Bowness Bells

The Bowness Bells have a story behind them! Have a look at the back of the Church where there is an information sheet which tells you about them. They are old bells, and one of them has the date 1616 on it. In 2016 it will be 400 years old! Can you find the bell with the date on it?



Can you spot this?  
What do you think it was used for?

As you walk down the AISLE you will see these at the end of each PEW (bench). Do you think they are just for decoration or do you think they have a purpose?



### A Church Mouse?



A phrase you sometimes hear is that someone is "as poor as a Church Mouse". St Mary's has a carved mouse, but where? This is hard to find! It is a mouse that has been carved into something inside the Church that is oak.



**More creatures:**  
Where can you spot this carved bird?  
What sort of bird is it?

If you have found the bird you will be able to spot these. Have a look at the detail in the carving on the figures.



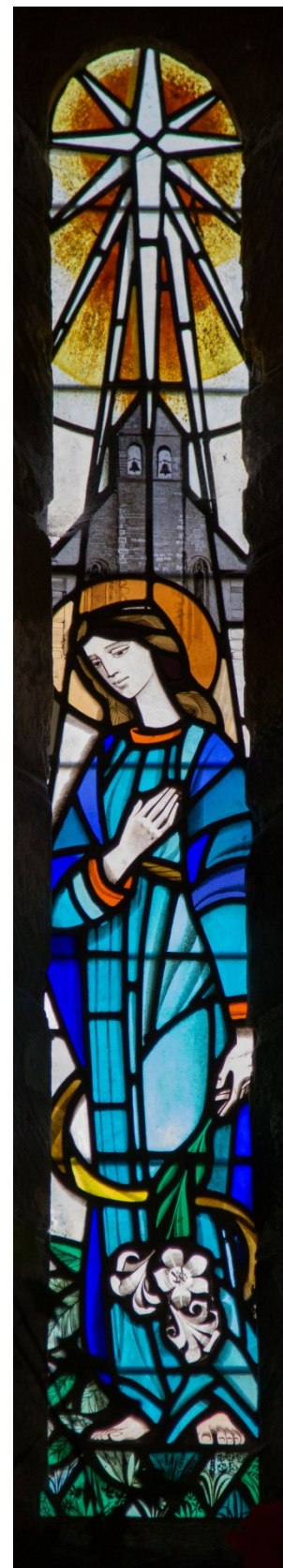
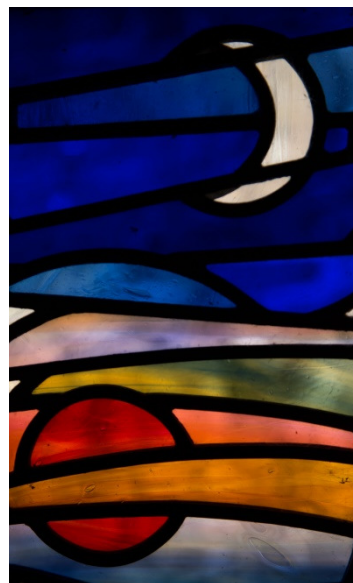
### Stained Glass

Many Churches have lots of stained glass. Many years ago, when, hardly anyone could read the glass was used to help people remember stories from the Bible. Some of the windows in St Mary's are quite old but others are more recent. With Bowness being by the sea, it is perhaps not surprising that stories from the Bible which feature the sea or fish can be found in the glass. See if you can find the windows these pictures are taken from.





**Sun, Moon and stars**  
Can you find these?



### **The Lindow Hall**

The Lindow Hall is close to the Church,  
in the centre of the village..  
Can you find a link between the Hall and  
the three windows that this picture is from?





## Baptism

Many children have been baptised in the Church. The FONT is the place where the ceremony takes place. The font in the Church has been renovated and includes modern stone, old intricately carved stone and wood.



We hope that you have enjoyed your visit to St Mary's Church, Bowness.



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