

Can you mark on this plan where you found things?
 Monk
 Bells
 Mary
 Icon
 Stained Glass
 Skeleton
 Shells
 Kneeling Knight
 Crowns

James,
 the children have
 finished
 What do they
 need to do now?



Thank you Brother Andrew
 for reminding me
 You need to go the Abbey
 Shop and collect your sticker.



Well done! You
 have completed
 the Tour.
 I hope my clues
 were helpful.



Discovery tour 2 for children



Hello my name is James.
 You might have met Brother Andrew
 and me on a previous tour,
 but if not I am here to help you find
 things in the Abbey.
 Look out for me if you need a clue.

Dashed boxes like
 this give you a bit
 more information

Can you see the statue
 of Mary holding baby
 Jesus?

Look at the plan of the Abbey Church
 on the back of this leaflet and work out
 where North, South East and West
 are. Then go to the Lady Chapel.

Can you see three
 other pictures of Mary?



In the stained glass
 window, on a
 banner and in
 a painting



The Abbey is dedicated to the
 Virgin Mary.

Do you know why there are
 candles on the stand?

People light a candle to help
 them say a prayer.

You can write a prayer on a piece of paper and leave it on the table
 and it will be read out at Evensong.

If lighting a candle helps you pray, please light one and say a prayer.
 Don't forget to leave a donation in the box to pay for the candle.

Can you find an
 icon of
 St Benedict?

There are some steps where the monks came
 down to services they are known as
 the Night Stairs. The first service of the day
 was at midnight and it was called Matins.

An Icon
 is a
 picture.



There were monks at Tewkesbury Abbey for
 over 400 years until Henry VIII closed the
 monastery in 1540. The monks followed the
 rules of St Benedict so they were called
 Benedictine monks.

TEWKESBURY ABBEY

Walk around the Ambulatory until you find a large black door.

On the left of the door there is the tomb of Abbot Robert of Forthington. Around his tomb you will find a monk with a dagger and a little devil with sharp teeth and his tongue sticking out. Can you see them?

This is the Sacristy where the monk call the Sacristan looked after the things for services like the silver cups and plates, also the vestments like this cope.



The monk is on the left and the little devil is on the right.

Look for the green and yellow coloured stained glass window in the chapel next to the door.

There are lots of things to see in the windows: People working in the fields, tree planting, a man praying. How many people can you see?

These windows were put in by Tom Denny to celebrate the 900th anniversary of the arrival of the Benedictine Monks from Cranborne, Dorset in 1102 to the new monastery at Tewkesbury.

How many shells can you find in this chapel?



The scallop shell is the symbol of a pilgrim. A pilgrim is a person who goes to sacred places, like the Abbey, for religious reasons.

Look very closely at the window to see the people.



Keep on walking around the Ambulatory. Can you find a beautiful silver figure of Jesus' mother Mary?



It is at the East end of the Abbey.



It is an image of the Christian faith that from the twisted and rusted metal underneath rises this beautiful shining statue of Mary, reminding us that from grief and despair can come peace, beauty and hope.



James, the children are very good at this.

They are brilliant! Brother Andrew.



Facing West, can you see a metal grill in the floor? Who is buried here?



The Duke of Clarence is reputed to have been drowned in a butt of Malmsey Wine.

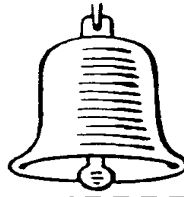
Can you find the Wakeman cenotaph?

If there is a bench, climb on to it and try to find a beetle, a frog, a snake, a worm and a mouse, all eating the flesh on the skeleton.

It looks like a stone skeleton lying down.



Abbot Wakeman was the last Abbot of the monastery at Tewkesbury before King Henry VII closed it in 1540 AD.



How many bells can you find in the chapel?

Tewkesbury Abbey has 13 ringing bells and 4 clock bells in the tower.

James! That is a sneaky question! Do you think they found the one on the cloth on the front of the Altar?



St Dunstan, whose chapel you are in, is the patron saint of Bell Ringers.



I think they did Brother Andrew. They also noticed the tools used to make bells on there are well.

In St Edmunds Chapel how many Crowns and Arrows are there?

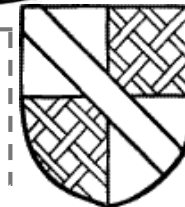
Facing West you will find the tomb of Hugh Despencer and his wife Elizabeth.



If you look through the tomb to the far side you will see the Kneeling Knight

Hugh and Elizabeth finished the alterations to the Abbey that were started in 1330 AD.

Edward Despencer is the Kneeling Knight on top of his chantry. He is dressed in armour and kneels on a red cushion.



Walking West. Can you find the Chantry with the blue ceiling? What is it called?