

# ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL HERALDRY TRAIL

In the quire you will find coats of arms of many of the bishops of Rochester. See if you can find the following shields. The pictures, patterns and colours on the bishops' shields all have special meanings which can tell you about the kind of person they were. Try to decode the meaning of the colours, pictures and symbols on the shields by using the key below.

<b>Griffin</b>	Bravery, watchfulness
<b>Bee</b>	Hard working
<b>Swan</b>	Someone who likes learning or a graceful person
<b>Stag (deer)</b>	A peaceful person who does not like fighting
<b>Fleur-de-lis</b> 	Purity and light or the Trinity (Father, Son & Holy Spirit)
<b>Helmet</b>	Wisdom, strength, protection
<b>Chevron</b> 	Someone who has faithfully worked hard
<b>Fish</b>	A generous person, someone who tries to be like Jesus
<b>Eagle</b>	A strong, brave and sensible person

<b>Gold</b>	Generosity
<b>Blue</b>	Truth & loyalty
<b>Red</b>	Noble spirited
<b>Black</b>	Loyalty
<b>White</b>	Peace

## Bishop John Dolben

The colour of the shield is \_\_\_\_\_.  
This means \_\_\_\_\_.



On the shield there is a helmet. This means \_\_\_\_\_.

## Bishop E.S. Talbot

The red and gold shield tells us that this bishop was \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.



The golden griffin tells us that he was \_\_\_\_\_.

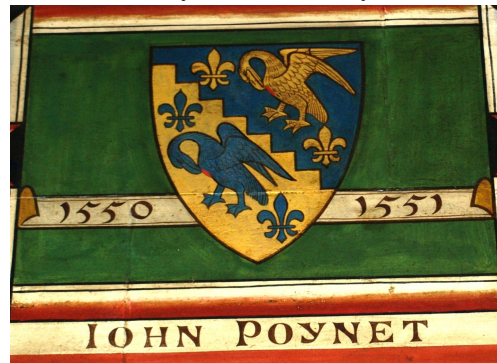
### Bishop Zachariah Pearce



The colour of the shield shows that this bishop was \_\_\_\_\_.

The pictures tell me that he was \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

### Bishop John Poynt



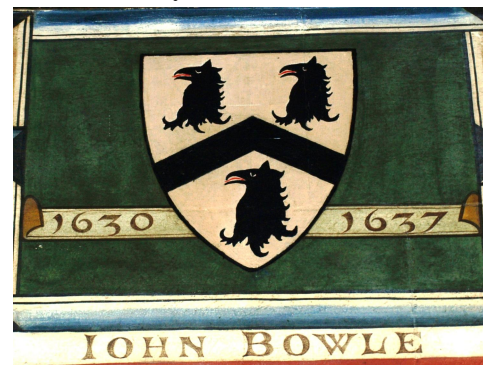
What does this shield tell us about Bishop John Poynt? \_\_\_\_\_

### Bishop Samuel Bradford



The colours and designs on Bishop Bradford's shield tell us \_\_\_\_\_

### Bishop John Bowle



This shield tells me that this bishop was \_\_\_\_\_

### Bishop John Hilsey



→ Sometimes pictures can be used to communicate a name. Bishop Hilsey's shield shows a hill and water (the sea), hill—sea Hilsey! What do the white background, the fish and the eagle tell us about Bishop Hilsey?

Can you find any other bishop's shields showing their name as a picture? Write their names here.

Why not design your own coat of arms.

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