

Picturing Faith

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For this project I visited the various church yards of Sheppey to explore the different symbols of the cross I could find.

I took many photos and selected my favourite four pictures.

Each photograph I have chosen is featured in black and white because I believe it creates a dramatic and strong impression on the eye.

For each photo selected, I have given an explanation of why it is my favourite and what it means to me.

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I chose to photograph the cross because it is a strong symbol throughout the world.

It can make you feel scared, comforted, at home and safe. It is used in fashion, art, as symbol of death and in many other ways.

It can mean many different things to many different people.

I will explain how the cross in each picture makes me feel and why I have chosen each particular church.



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Minster Abbey, or more formally known as The Abbey Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Saint Sexburgha, holds memories for me as this is the church we go to at school. I have been coming here for services with my class and teachers since 2013. It means a lot to me as it holds memories of my friends as well as the different times we have sung hymns, said prayers and acted out stories from the bible.

I think the cross here, high up on the church roof, acts as a symbol of home and safety as I feel at home and safe within my school.

Minster Abbey Church

CROSSES ON THE CHURCH
TOWER AND ROOF



Queenborough Church is an old church which dates back to 1360. It was built as part of the new town set out for Edward III.

This church holds important memories for me as I was christened here as a baby.

The symbol of the cross at this church, as you walk through the gate, stirs up feelings of belonging and family.

Queenborough Church

CROSS ON THE GATE
ENTRANCE



Queenborough Church has an old graveyard where there are many crosses used in gravestones. The cross here makes me feel sadness as it represents a life that has ended.

For me Queenborough church represents the start of life but for others it was their ending. This heavy stone cross shown here is an example of this.

Queenborough Church

CROSS TO MARK A
GRAVE



Harty Church, Church of St Thomas the Apostle, is a grade II listed building which dates back to the late 11th century. I have included it as a favourite as the church is set in such a different location to the busier Minster Abbey and Queenborough churches. We visit here often as a family when we want to spend time together. As Harty Church is set in quiet and tranquil surroundings, this is a perfect place to be.

When I look at the cross here on the church tower it makes me feel peaceful and to me represents space and calm.

Harty Church Hall

CROSS ON THE TOWER

- Home and Safety
- Belonging and Family
- Start and End of Life
- Peace, Space and Calm

The End

