

PUGIN The Architect

Design a Spire for St Augustine's Church

ACTIVITY 04

KS2 / KS3

50 minutes

A project that will develop research skills, creative thinking and designing. It can be linked to measuring, using rulers, protractors, set squares, graph paper etc.



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Pugin decided to live in Ramsgate so that he could build a church there because, in 597AD, St Augustine had landed very nearby, bringing Christianity to southern England. This was very important to Pugin, and he felt that Ramsgate was a sacred and historic spot.

St Augustine's church, which Pugin gradually built in Ramsgate, is full of very beautiful stained glass, telling stories, and showing saints, birds, flowers, even a mouse, and heraldic shields. It is all designed by Pugin, or by those who followed his style.

Sadly Pugin died before he could finish his church and some features inside were completed after his death. However, the one thing that was never built was the spire of the church, and to this day it still does not have one.



- 1 Research spire designs online
- 2 Look at pictures of St Augustine's Church, Ramsgate or visit thepuginsociety.co.uk
- 3 Using the outline drawing of the church included in this pack, create your own design for the spire -
What shape would it be?
What colour would it be?
Would it be decorated?
Could it be based on something you are interested in?
- 4 Make a model of your design

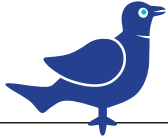


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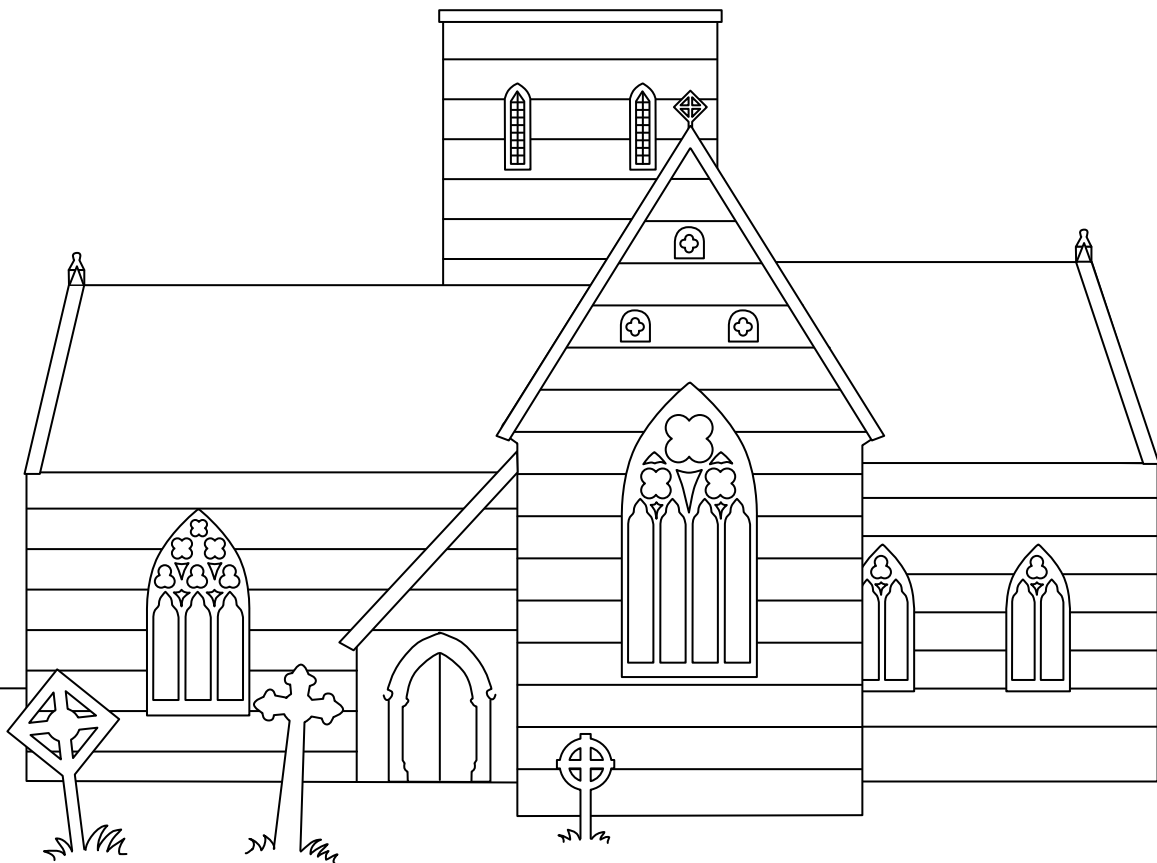


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