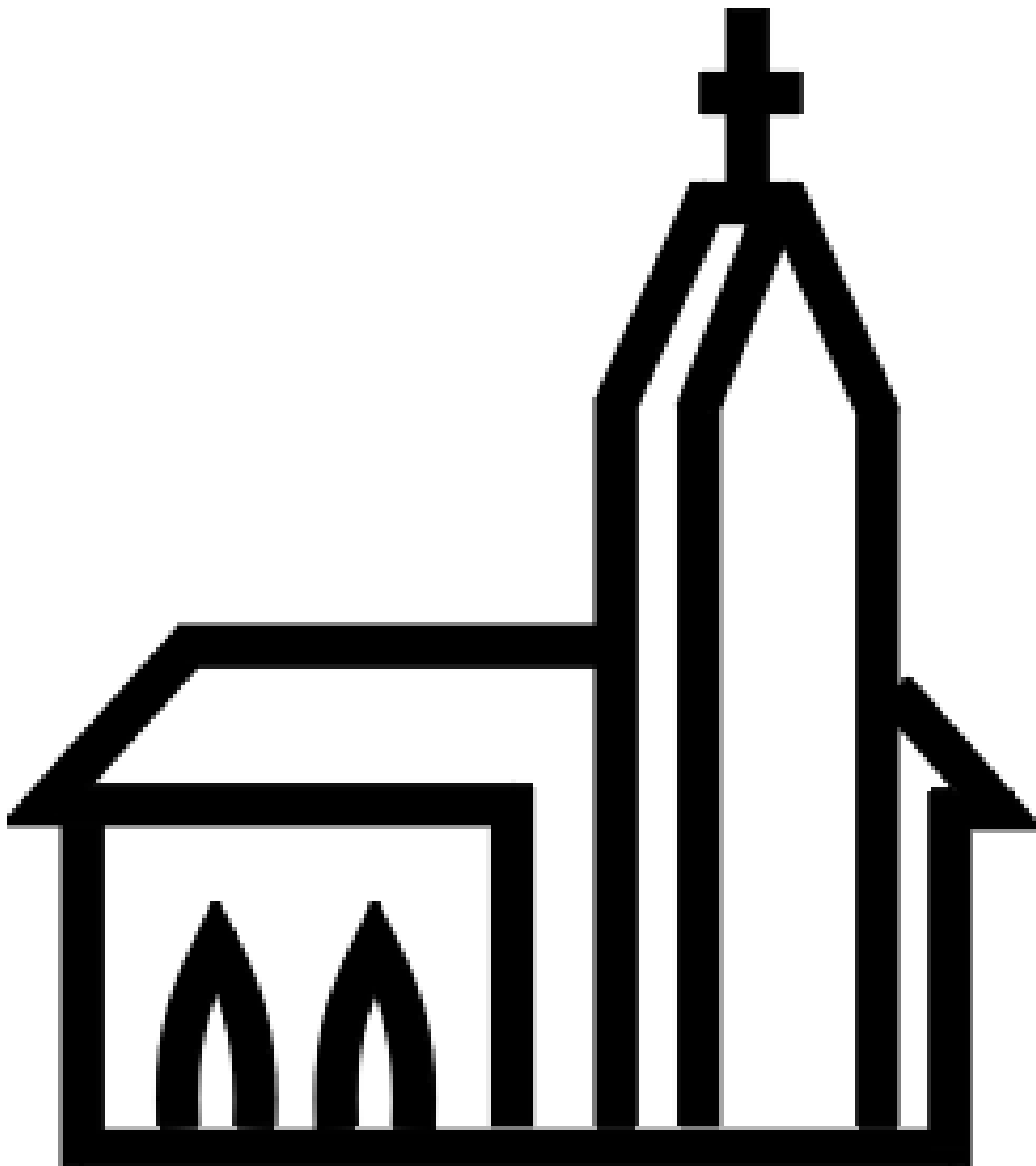




# St Agnes Longsight

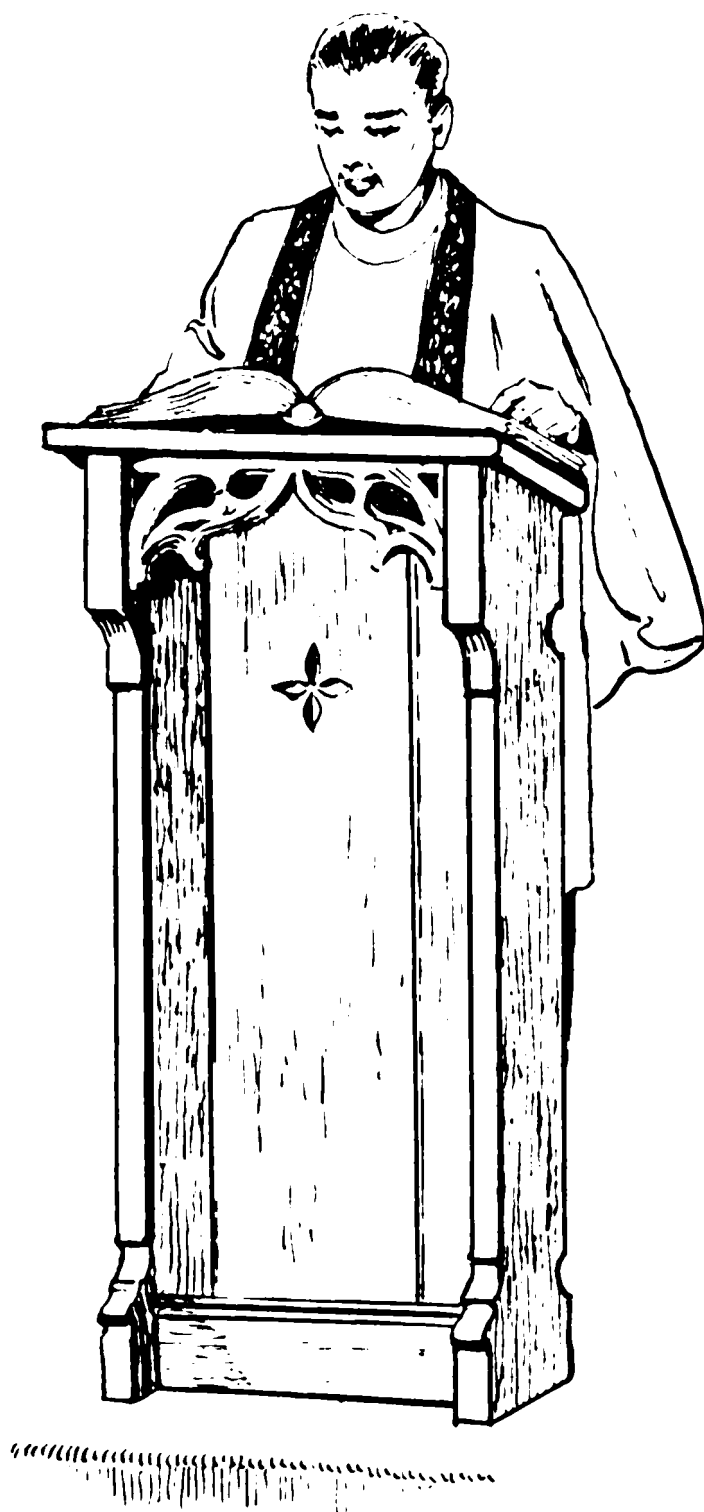
in this place will I give peace



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Baptism is an important Christian celebration. In Baptism, Christians are welcomed into the family of God. We are baptized with water in the name of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Jesus was also baptized by water. In Baptism, Christians believe we receive the gift of God's Holy Spirit.



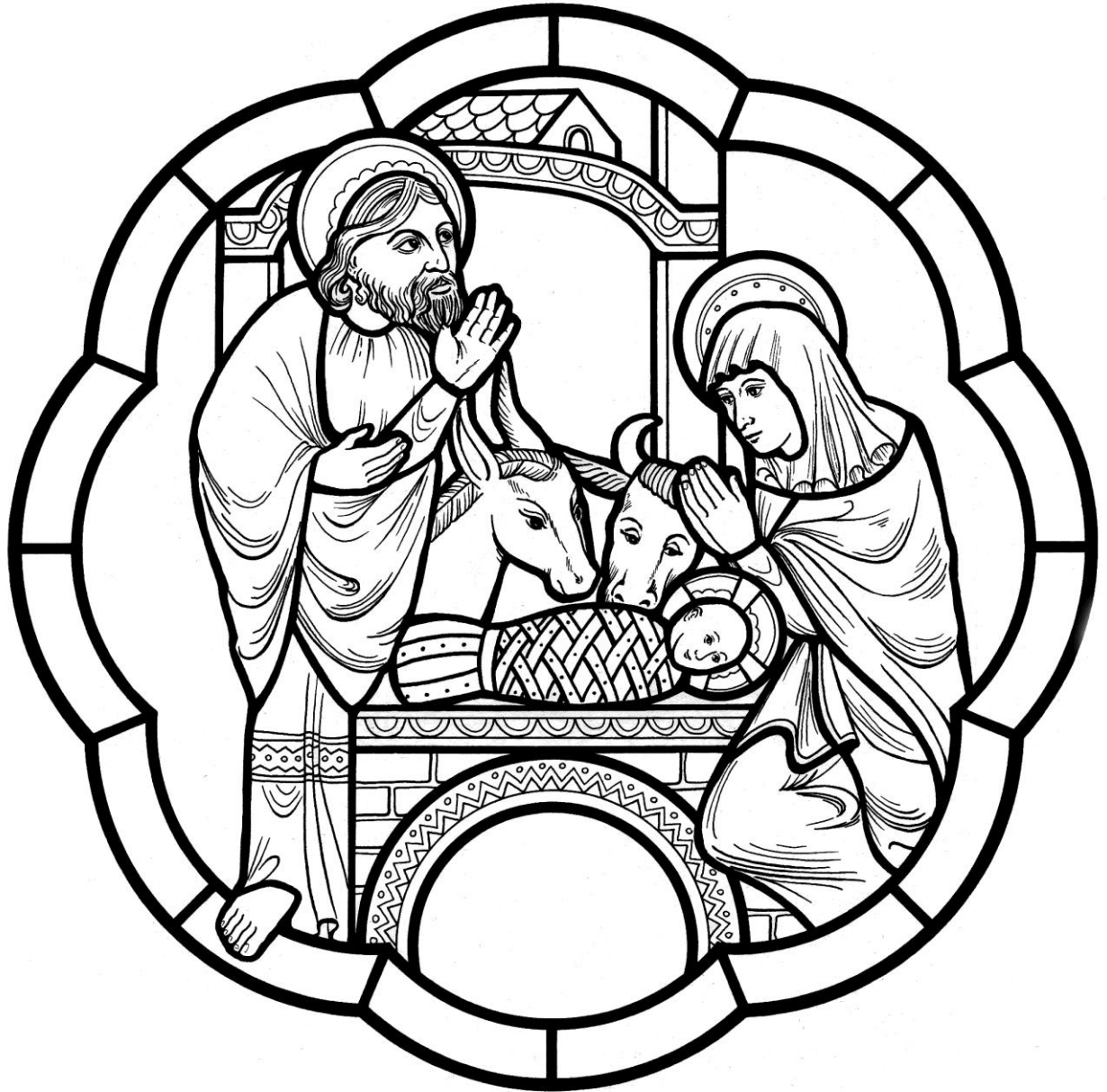
The lectern is a special stand where we read stories from the Bible and learn about why these stories are important to us as Christians.



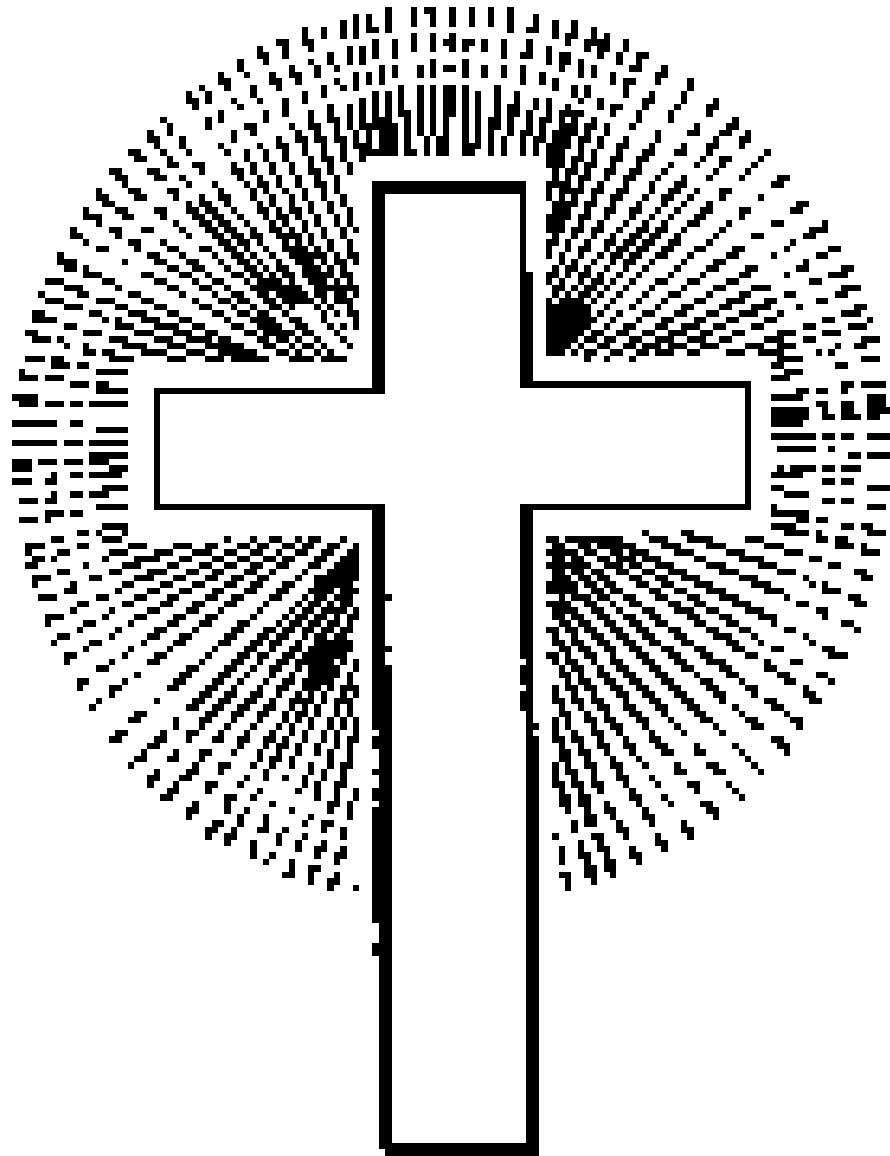
The altar is the big table in the middle of the room. It is here that we remember the last meal that Jesus shared with his friends. The priest says special prayers over the bread and the wine and then we all share in the meal, or ask for God's blessing on us.



When a man and woman love one another very much, they may decide to have a special event called a marriage ceremony or wedding. The woman is called the “bride” and the man is called the “groom”. The bride and groom arrive at the church with their families and friends. The priest says special prayers for them and asks that God’s blessing be upon them, their family and their life together.



You will often see stained glass windows in churches. The coloured glass is beautiful and adds decoration to the church. The windows also tell stories and are useful when people are unable to read. Most windows in St Agnes' church teach us stories from the life of Jesus. Christmas is an important celebration when Christians celebrate Jesus' birthday. Can you find the St Agnes' window that shows Jesus' birth?



The story of another important Christian celebration is also told in the stained glass windows in St Agnes' church. This celebration is called Easter when Christians believe that Jesus was arrested, that he died on a cross, but then rose from death to new life. Can you find the cross in the St Agnes' windows?  
How many other crosses can you find in the church?



Music is an important part of Christian worship. We are told in the Bible to sing to God. The songs we sing are called 'hymns' which in both Latin and Greek means 'a song praising God'. When we sing, someone often plays the organ or piano.