St James' Graveyard: Wildlife Quiz

Graveyards are places of respect for the dead and for contemplation of history. Even in cities, graveyards are often rich in wildlife too. Mature trees create a woodland habitat for a wide variety of insects, birds and animals. Keep your eyes and ears open when you walk around the graveyard.

This graveyard is full of living things. Test your knowledge of some of its inhabitants.

- 1. Evergreen trees were sometimes planted in graveyards to represent life going on and on. In the middle of the woodland area to the south of the church there is an evergreen tree that is associated with a special Christian festival. What is it called?
- 2. Several of the gravestones are covered with a creeping plant that attaches itself to the stone. What is it called?



3. Bats are the only flying mammal. What do bats eat?



5. The graveyard is a good place for birds because of all the trees and insects. Blackbirds like it here. The male blackbird is black with an orange beak - what colour is the female blackbird?



- 6. You might hear a woodpigeon they like to nest in tall trees. What sound does a woodpigeon make?
- 7. Bees and butterflies are attracted to the graveyard because they feed on the flowers. What is the name of the tube through which a butterfly sucks nectar from a flower?
- 8. How many pairs of wings does a bee have?
- 9. You will find lots of spiders among the gravestones. How many legs does a spider have?



10. Different coloured slugs also live in the graveyard. How many legs does a slug have?