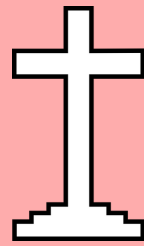


# Chrismons and Chrismon Patterns



## The Cross

symbolizes that Christians believe Jesus Christ died for everyone on a Cross.



## The Latin Cross

also sometimes called the Roman Cross. The base of the Cross has three steps that symbolize faith, hope, and love.



## The Irish/Celtic Cross

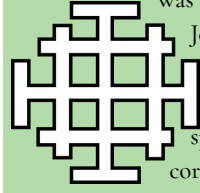
is a normal cross with a circle in the middle to symbolize eternity.

## The Triumphant Cross



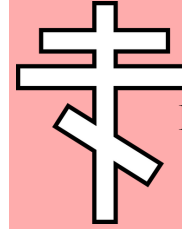
represents the earth with the cross on top. It symbolizes Jesus is triumphant over anything we can face in the world.

## The Jerusalem Cross



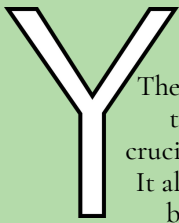
was worn by the crusaders going to Jerusalem, in the middle ages. It can symbolize the Four Gospels in the Bible, the spread of the Gospel to the four corners of the earth or the five wounds of Jesus when he died on the cross.

## The Eastern Cross



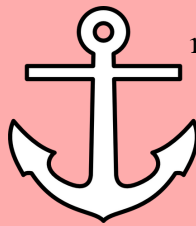
is used by many Eastern or Orthodox Churches.

## The Furca or Upsilon Cross



comes from the Greek letter Y. It is also called The Thieves' Cross from the two robbers who were crucified on each side of Jesus. It also symbolizes the choice between good and evil.

## The Anchor Cross

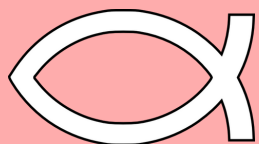


reminds Christians that Jesus is the anchor of their faith.



## IHS

are the first three letters of 'Jesus' in Greek, this has been used to represent Jesus from the third century. From the middle ages, they also were used in the Latin phrase "Jesus Hominum Salvator" which means "Jesus, Saviour of men". And in English they can mean "In His Service". I've added them on a Cross as it looks more interesting!



## The Fish

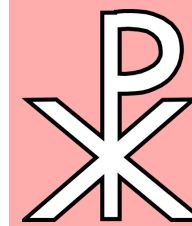
is one of the oldest Christian symbols. The letters, from the Greek word for fish (ichthus), stand for Jesus (I), Christ (X), God (Q), Son (Y), Savior (S). Some of Jesus' disciples were fishermen.

## Alpha and Omega

are the first and the last letters of the Greek alphabet. Used together, they symbolise that Christians believe Jesus is the beginning and end of all things.

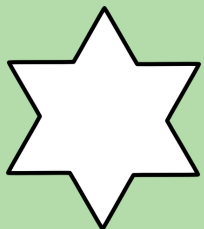


## The Chi-Rho



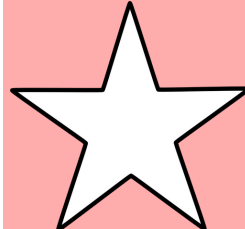
looks like a 'P' with an 'X' on top of it. These two letters are the first two letters of the Greek word 'Christos' which means Christ.

## The Star of David



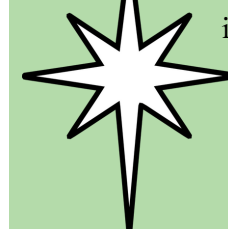
sometimes called the Star of Creation, is a symbol that Jesus was a Jew and a descendant of King David.

## A Five Pointed Star



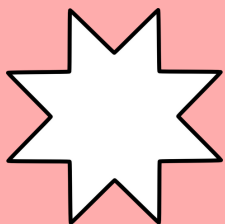
represents the five wounds of Jesus on the cross.

## The Nativity Star



is the symbol of the Star of Bethlehem or Epiphany, when the Wisemen visited Jesus.

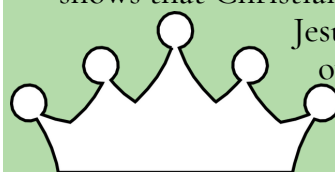
## An Eight Pointed Star



represents baptism and regeneration.

## The Crown

is the symbol that Jesus is King. It shows that Christians believe Jesus is ruler over heaven and the earth.

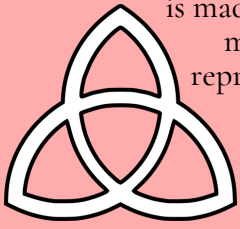


## The Shepherd's Crook or Staff

remembers that Jesus sometimes called himself a shepherd. It can also represent the shepherds who were the first people told about the birth of Jesus.

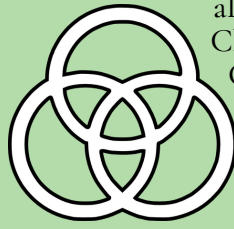


## The Triquetra



is made of three loops making a triangle representing the three parts of the Christian 'Trinity' of God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

## The Trefoil



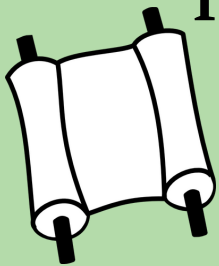
also represents the Christian 'Trinity' of God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit. It's three equal circles intertwined to form a whole.

## Hands in Prayer



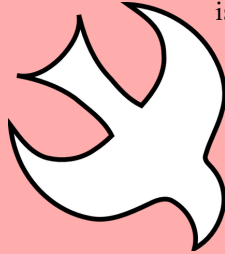
help Christians remember that they should pray to God.

## The Scroll



represents the Bible.

## The Dove



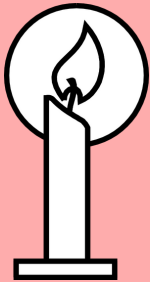
is the symbol of peace and the Holy Spirit. It is shown pointing down to represent the Holy Spirit that appeared as a Dove when Jesus was baptised.

## The Lamp



represents that Christians believe Jesus is the Light of the World.

## The Candle



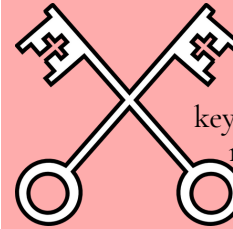
represents that Christians believe Jesus is the Light of the World.

## The Shell



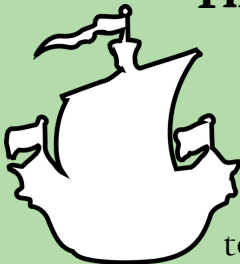
is a symbol for baptism. It reminds Christians of the water that they are baptised in. It is also a sign of Pilgrimage, as Pilgrims to the Holy Land (Israel) would use a shell as a drinking vessel.

## The Keys



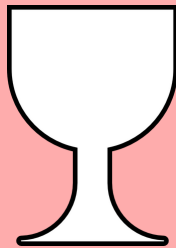
are a symbol for the Church in all the world. Jesus told his friend Peter that "I will give you keys to heaven", so this means that Christians have to tell other people about Jesus.

## The Ship



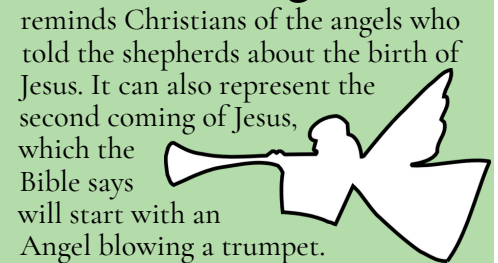
is a symbol of the Church, sailing towards heaven.

## The Cup or Chalice



is a symbol of the Mass, Eucharist or Communion. It also represents God's forgiveness.

## The Angel



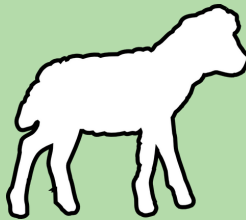
reminds Christians of the angels who told the shepherds about the birth of Jesus. It can also represent the second coming of Jesus, which the Bible says will start with an Angel blowing a trumpet.

## Babe / Manger



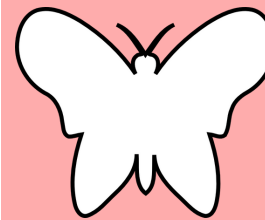
represents Jesus as a baby at Christmas.

## The Lamb



is a symbol for Jesus who is sometimes called 'The Lamb of God'.

## The Butterfly



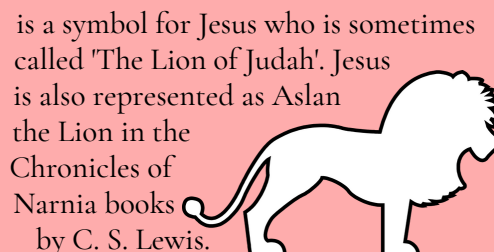
is a symbol for transformation and the immortal soul.

## The Heart



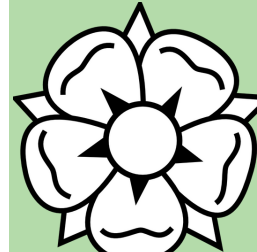
is a symbol of love and reminds Christians that God is love.

## The Lion



is a symbol for Jesus who is sometimes called 'The Lion of Judah'. Jesus is also represented as Aslan the Lion in the Chronicles of Narnia books by C. S. Lewis.

## The White Rose



is a symbol for purity and can represent Mary.