



This is the Shrine of St David. Pilgrims come here to remember St David. David was close to God and those who want to be close to God make a pilgrimage here. This is where they pray to God. A pilgrimage is a special journey, to a sacred and holy place so that pilgrims can feel God's closeness to them and the people they love.



Do you have a special place to go where you feel safe and close to God? Draw or write about this special place.



This is the icon of St David you can see at the Shrine. Icons are sometimes called 'windows into heaven'. The person who makes an icon is called an 'iconographer'. Iconographers say that they write the icon like a prayer not paint it like a picture. In this icon prayer David points us towards God. Look at his right hand, he is making a sign of blessing from God. In his left hand he is holding his Gospel, the stories about the good news of Jesus.



Write a prayer for the people and places you love. Or make a picture prayer like this icon so people can see heaven through your picture.



Hidden in one of the niches below the Shrine icons is a replica of the bell David used to call his monks to prayer. When David died, he was so important to the people of Wales that they not only kept his body but also all the things he used. So his bell has a special place in the Shrine.



Do you have some special things that remind you of different people, places or events? Make a list of your special things and the memories linked with them.