

# Elgin Cathedral graveyard

## Counting quiz

Common symbols are used around Elgin Cathedral's graveyard.  
How many of each you can find?

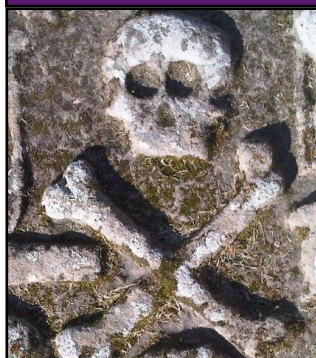
Remember to ask the steward if you need any help.

'Celtic' crosses – cross with a ring



Total:

Skulls, skeletons, crossbones



Total:

'Deid' (dead) bells – rung at funerals



Total:

Angels



Total:

The words 'Memento Mori'



Total:

Spades and turf cutters – gravediggers' tools



Total:

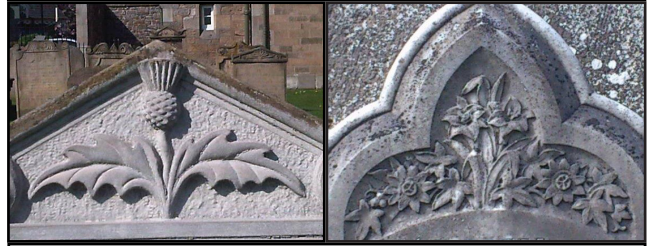


Hourglasses, ones with wings show 'time flies'



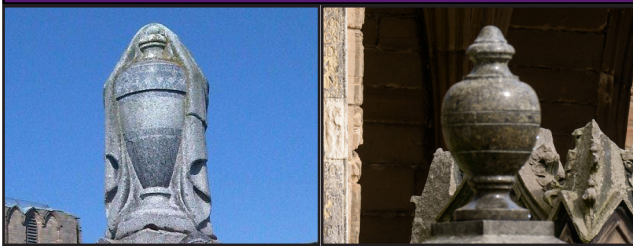
Total:

Flowers or plants



Total:

Urns



Total:

Animals and birds



Total:

Can you find any other symbols?  
Write down or draw your favourite.

Blank space for writing or drawing.

Did you know...?

- A skull and crossbones on a grave doesn't mean the person was a pirate. They are part of a group of symbols (including coffins, bells, spades, hourglasses) known as 'Memento mori'.
- 'Memento mori' is Latin for 'Remember you must die'. The idea was remind you that you could die at any time and so to live a good life.

Well done! Now you can collect your free sticker from the steward.



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