



# Christ Church

## UNLOCKING CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL IN THE LOCKDOWN: A VIRTUAL VISIT ONLINE

### The David and Goliath Window



#### Introduction:

David is a very interesting case, here, as he is famous for both what he did as a child, and for what he did as an adult. He is shown as a poor shepherd boy in the lower window where he has killed the giant Philistine warrior, Goliath. Above, he is depicted as the King of Israel. David wrote many of the psalms which are poems which can be read and sung. Nobody expected david would ever become a king, but it was all part of God's plan!

Can you think of other 'rags to riches' stories, both in real life and in stories or films?

This is part of a larger stained glass window. It is an unusual window as it shows not only four saints as adults, but also has pictures underneath of them as young people.



People might use a religious item like a stained glass window to help them pray.

Look carefully at it.  
Which words come to mind?  
How does it make you feel?

**Background:**

The window was designed by an artist called Edward Burne-Jones. He designed five altogether for the Cathedral.



The window is made of stained-glass. This means that each colour has been cut from a coloured piece of glass and attached to other pieces with strips of metal (lead) soldered together. As you can imagine, such a window takes a *very* long time to make!

The colours are often very bright and one advantage is that they never seem to fade, even after several centuries.

Stained-glass windows were especially useful when few people could read or write, as they told Bible stories in an attractive, colourful way.

### **Things to do at home- a few ideas.**

- Before embarking on any of the activities, you can remind yourself of the story of David and Goliath by turning to 1<sup>st</sup> Book of Samuel, chapter 17, verses 1-51.
- You could also listen to a retelling of the story by clicking on the Story file.
- Colour, cut out and make the David and Goliath pop-up scene.
- Imagine you are David and finding out that God wants you to defeat Goliath. What conversation would you have with God? Write a short conversation between you and God: it can be done as a comic strip, a drama or perhaps even a conversation between a toy and God, with you doing the voices!
- Draw two costume designs as if for a film or play about David and Goliath (just out of interest... which actors would you have to play them?)
- Find three pictures, from around the world, of shepherd boys/girls. Say: where they are from, what challenges they face, and what skills they must have to do their job well.
- Draw a picture of David and Goliath, but as if they are people who might live nowadays. What would their jobs be? How would they dress?
- You're a news reporter and talking on television about what happened. You could even interview an eye-witness – perhaps a Philistine, like Goliath, or an Israelite, like David. You could even have two witnesses on your TV show, who have conflicting views about who should have won!