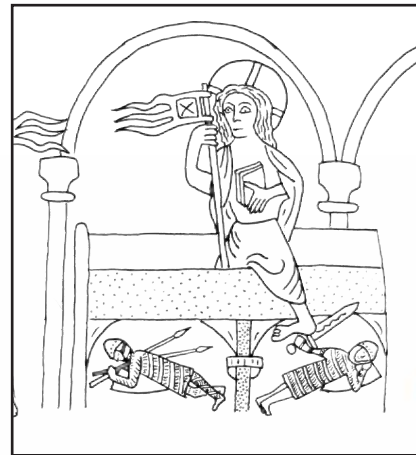


The Wall Paintings (2)

The wall paintings at Lakenheath have been re-painted at least five times. In the 1350s a large scheme, known as a 'Passion Cycle', was painted on the big pillar facing the door - so that everyone would see it as they walked in.



Above: Jesus climbs out of his tomb. Can you see the two soldiers who have fallen asleep?

A Passion Cycle shows all the scenes in the story of the crucifixion of Jesus. Below this was painted the Virgin Mary, to whom Lakenheath church is dedicated, and St Edmund.



Above: St Edmund faces you as you enter the church. His hand is raised in blessing and would have brought good luck and protection to all those who saw him.

St Edmund (left) was a popular local saint. Legend says that Edmund was an Anglo-Saxon king of East Anglia who fought against the invading Danes. Edmund was captured, tied to a tree and shot with arrows. His burial place, at nearby Bury St Edmunds, became a popular place for pilgrims to visit. His shrine was visited by kings and princes and the Abbey at Bury St Edmunds became very rich.



The Wall Paintings (2)

Lakenheath Church
Discovery Sheet 2 (cont.)

Can you colour it in?

