



Explore and Create: Fearsome Faces

Did you know...?

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A gargoyle is a fantastic carved face or creature which acts as a rainwater spout, diverting water away from a building. They are often seen high up on the edge of a church roof.

Grotesques are comic or ugly carved faces and animals.

As well as being decorative it's possible these faces were also intended to ward off evil spirits.

Next time you walk past a historic church look up – you may be surprised by what you see!

Have a look at these carvings then why not try making your own fearsome face.

Use our ideas page to get you started.





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Are these faces fierce,
friendly or funny?

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All Saints Church, Langport, Somerset



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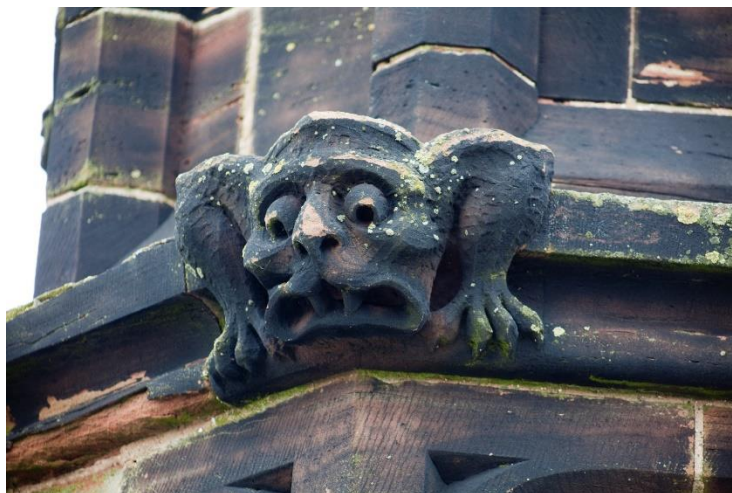
What do you think of
these faces?

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St Peter's Church, Marefair, Northampton

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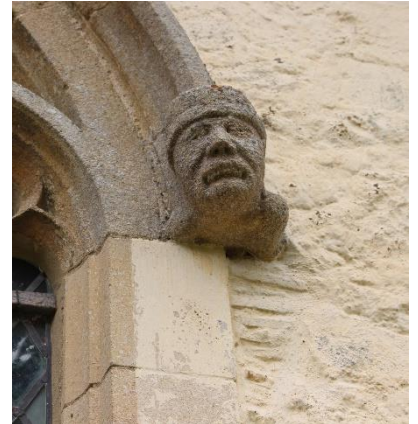
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How would you describe these ones?

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Church of St Mary the Virgin, Wiggenhall, Norfolk

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Church of St Mary Magdalene, Battlefield, Shropshire



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Do you like these faces?

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Holy Trinity Church, Wensley, North Yorkshire

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St Nicholas Church, Brockley, Somerset



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Last one!



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Church of Christ the Consoler, Skelton-cum-Newby,
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Gizmo the Gargoyle wonders if you could base your design on him!

Spires the Spider suggests

Why not use a paper plate for your face? You could cut out the ears or other features from a cardboard box and stick them on, then colour in the face using crayons, pencils or felt pens.



Belfry the Bat wonders

If you have clay or other craft materials at home, perhaps you could make a 3D face with some of the features sticking out.



Mullion the Mouse's muses ...

Is your face going to be friendly, fierce or funny? Maybe you could make several different faces in a row.



Ogee the Owl's advises ...

How about cutting out faces and animals from a magazine or newspaper and then mixing them up to make a fantastic new creature?



Cloisters the Cat is curious....

He'd love to see your creations!

Tweet us with an image of your fearsome face: @TheCCT
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