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Find the statue of the first Bishop of Birmingham, Charles Gore.

Gore chose not to build a new cathedral but to re-use the existing parish Church of St Philip's

*What is he holding?*



2

Look up to the weather vane on top of the cathedral.

An image of an animal was included to thank the man who secured the funds to complete the tower in 1725. He was Richard Gough.

*What is the animal?*



3

Spot the tall white pillar known as an obelisk. It is dedicated to an adventurer, soldier and politician.

He was the first person to fly a hot air balloon over the English Channel.

His name begins with B.

*What is it?*



4

Seek out the memorial marked with the lower part of a stone column.

Read the inscription on the lower part of the plinth.

*Which other Birmingham landmark does it remind us of?*



5

Tucked away in the railings is the Angel Fountain.

It came from another church in Birmingham that was demolished to make way for Victoria Square.

*Why might public drinking fountains have been provided?*



6

Walk over to the family vault of Taylor/Simmons. Vaults were burial chambers for members of one family.

*Can you work out what Birmingham trade the family worked in?*



7

On the side of a building along the pathway of St Philip's place is a Blue Plaque. These plaques mark important people, events or places.

*What was built here in 1724?*



8

From Colmore Row look across the churchyard towards the cathedral. The image below was drawn in 1732.

*What differences can you spot?*



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