

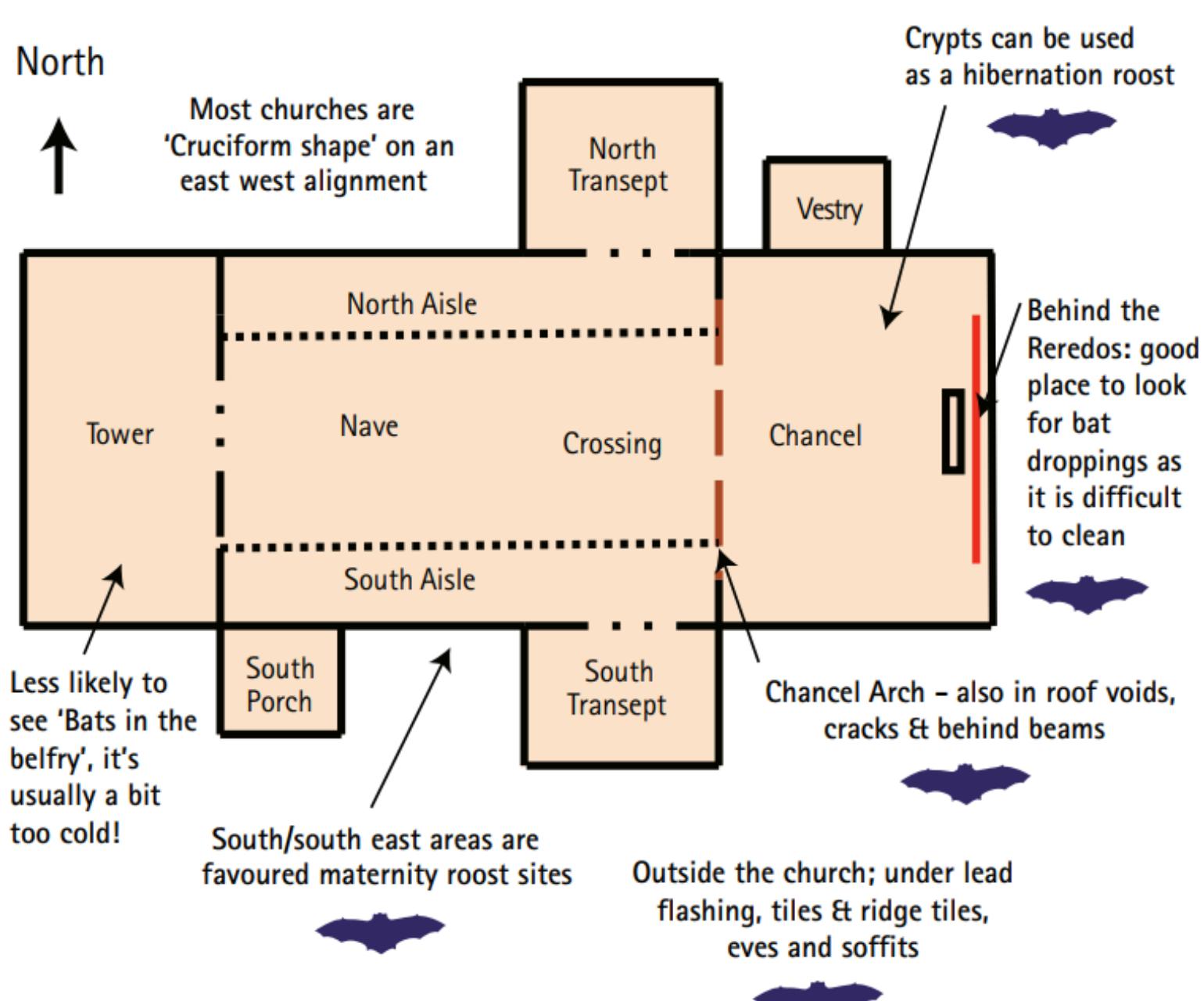
# We Have Bats!



Churches have been home to bats for hundreds of years. All UK bat populations are protected by law because of the severe declines they suffered during the last century. Many churches provide reliable roosts giving much needed security and opportunities for feeding close to home in churchyards.

We try to keep our church as clean and tidy as possible. However, you may still see evidence of bats from last night's bat party.

## WHERE ARE THEY?



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Taking care of a church with bats:

Bats create a mess every night. Therefore, without extensive daily cleaning, we leave the bats to be themselves.

Follow the link below to see how we clean a church from the mess bats leave.



Call the Bat Helpline  
0345 1300 228

Churches in England are eligible for free bat advice provided by Natural England, including when:

- Bats are causing a nuisance inside the church
- Renovation or small-scale building work is planned
- Grounded bats are found

Bats are not blind but their eyesight is aided by their sophisticated echolocation system which enables them to catch insects and find their way in the dark.

Bat droppings consist mainly of insect remains and are usually very dry and crumbly. They present no significant health hazard in the UK.

Bats may live up to thirty years and return faithfully to the same roosting site every year.