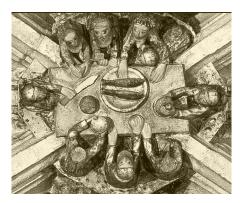
## Did You Know? An Anglican Glossary





## **Bosses**

These delightful sculptures appear at the junction of stone vaulting ribs or where the beams of a timber roof cross. They are not always painted, and their subjects can be religious or secular.

Originally a simple projection of stone or wood, bosses go back a long way and can be seen along one wall of the uncompleted Greek Doric temple of Segesta, Sicily (early 5th century BC). Their use in medieval Britain was widespread and they can be seen in Salisbury, Litchfield, Worcester, Hereford and many other cathedrals and churches.

*Top:* The Last Supper. *Below* a Washer Woman fighting a thief who is trying to steal her clothes. From Norwich Cathedral's 1000 bosses.