

Chrismon Symbols and Meanings



The **Cross** symbolizes that Christians believe Jesus Christ died for everyone on a Cross.



The **Star of David**, sometimes called the Star of Creation, is a symbol that Jesus was a Jew and a descendant of King David.



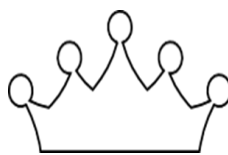
The **Triumphant Cross** represents the earth with the cross on top. It symbolizes Jesus is triumphant over anything we can face in the world.



The **Nativity Star** is the symbol of the Star of Bethlehem or Epiphany, when the Wisemen visited Jesus.



The **Anchor Cross** reminds Christian's that Jesus is the anchor of their faith.



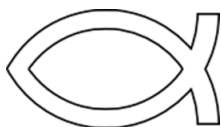
The **Crown** is the symbol that Jesus is King. It shows that Christians believe Jesus is ruler over heaven and the earth.



IHS are the first 3 letters of 'Jesus' in Greek, used to represent Jesus from the 3rd century. From the middle ages, they also were used in a Latin phrase which meant "Jesus, Saviour of men". In English they mean "In His Service".



The **Shepherd's Crook or Staff** remembers that Jesus called himself a shepherd. It can also represent the shepherds who were the first people told about the birth of Jesus.



The **Fish** is one of the oldest Christian symbols. The letters, from the Greek word for fish (ichthus), stand for Jesus (I), Christ (X), God (Q), Son (Y), Savior (S). Some of the disciples were fishermen.



This symbol is the **Triquetra**. It is made of three loops making a triangle representing the three parts of the Christian Trinity - God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit.



Alpha and Omega are the first and the last letters of the Greek alphabet. Used together, they symbolize that Christians believe Jesus is the beginning and end of all things.



Hands in Prayer help Christians remember that they should pray to God.

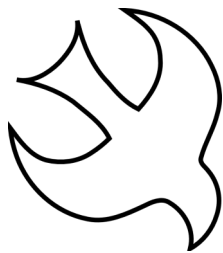


The **Chi-Rho** looks like a 'P' with an 'X' on top of it. These two letters are the first two letters of the Greek word 'Christos' which means Christ.



The **Scroll** represents the Bible.

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The **Dove** is the symbol of peace and the Holy Spirit. It is shown pointing down to represent the Holy Spirit that appeared as a Dove when Jesus was baptized.



The **Angel** reminds Christians of the angels who told the shepherds about the birth of Jesus. It can also represent the second coming of Jesus, which the Bible says will start with an Angel blowing a trumpet.



The **Lamp** (and the **Candle**) represents that Christians believe Jesus is the Light of the World.



The **Babe/Manger** represents Jesus as a baby at Christmas.



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The **Lamb** is a symbol for Jesus who is sometimes called 'The Lamb of God'.



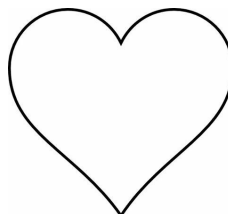
The **Shell** is a symbol for baptism. It reminds Christians of the water that they are baptized in. It is also a sign of Pilgrimage, as Pilgrims to the Holy Land (Israel) would use a shell as a drinking vessel.



The **Butterfly** is a symbol for transformation and the immortal soul.



The **Keys** are a symbol for the Church in all the world. Jesus told his friend Peter that "I will give you keys to heaven", so this means that Christians have to tell other people about Jesus.



The **Heart** is a symbol of love and reminds Christians that God is love.



The **Ship** is also a symbol of the Church, sailing towards heaven.



The **Lion** is a symbol for Jesus who is sometimes called 'The Lion of Judah'.



The **Cup** or **Chalice** is a symbol of the Mass, Eucharist or Communion. It also represents God's forgiveness.



The **White Rose** is a symbol for purity and can represent Mary.