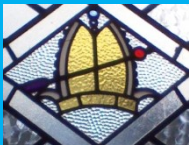


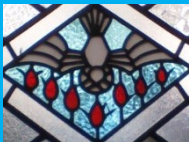
The Risen and Eternal Christ



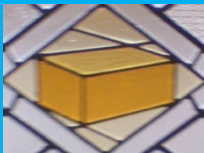
a) The **phoenix** was a magnificent, mythological bird in ancient Egypt and Arabia, famous for dying and rising to life again sometimes shown as through fire. Christian writers have used this memorable symbol **for Jesus rising from the dead** on Easter morning. However, the phoenix myth is not mentioned in the Gospel accounts of **the resurrection**. (eg John 20)



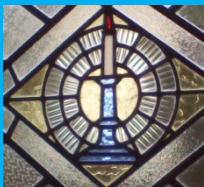
b) **The Ascension**, forty days after his resurrection, was when Jesus finally went up into heaven to reign as King of all. Here is a **tall crown** and a rod or **sceptre** of royal authority. (eg Acts 1:1-12 and Revelation 1:5)



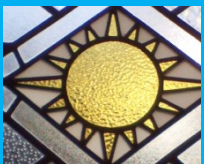
c) Ten days later on the day of **Pentecost** the Holy Spirit descended like **tongues of fire** upon the Apostles in Jerusalem. A **white dove**, notable for gentleness and purity, is also often used for the Holy Spirit. (Acts 2)



d) Christ is also thought of as the **chief cornerstone** of the Church of God, the foundation upon whom we all depend. (Ephesians 2:20)



e) Jesus is also the **Light of the World** because he came and showed us clearly the way God designed us to live in this world (John 8:12)



f) Jesus is also thought of as the **Sun of Righteousness** (Malachi 4:2) and is our eternal hope (Matthew 13:43)