

## Question 2

Coventry cathedral is more of an art gallery than a church?

I would agree with this statement, because I think that because Coventry cathedral was built opposite a destroyed cathedral they had to make it different in some way and they decided to change the way the church actually works in making you feel. So I agree with this statement for a number of reasons. These reasons are to do with:

That there is another cathedral next to the main one.

The fact that a “guide” showed me round.

The fact that I went round with all my friends.

All the “religious art” could easily be placed in an art gallery.

However I also disagree with this statement because of

(A) The baptistery window.

(B) The sheer size of the building.

Now I’m going to start with the reasons why I agree with the question. When they were building the “new” cathedral they must have been thinking we have to make this one bigger and better and different. So they made it different by placing lots of “religious art” in the building however the amount that they have makes the place feel like you are looking at exhibits and I suppose that you are. Now you are probably thinking to yourself that lots of cathedrals have religious art in them but just the sheer amount that there is at Coventry makes it feel like an art gallery.

We were guided round Coventry cathedral by one of the many guides there. However this made it feel much more like a trip to an art gallery than a church, it was like ‘shall we move on to the next exhibit now’. This detracted from the experience of going there. Also it made it feel like an art gallery or some sort of museum.

Another reason that I thought it was an art gallery was because of the fact that all my friends were there and they were like ‘look over there at that piece’ which made it feel all the more like an art gallery.

When I look back on the trip there if I truly think about it then if I was told I am going to see an art gallery of work by painters from Jesus’ time I would have easily believed that to be true.

However all this said there are still reasons why Coventry cathedral could easily be seen as a church as well.

Now the baptistery window is absolutely huge at Coventry, and anyone who goes to the city I recommend go and look at the baptistery window, but when you actually see it you are taken back by its size and splendour. Now this window well I think if I had not been with my friends, then I would have become suddenly close to god and I would have felt as though I was with him. This shows that it can’t just be an art gallery can it because the object of a church is to take you closer to god and I can see how Coventry cathedral would be very good at this. When you walk into Coventry cathedral you are struck by the huge size of the building, it is absolutely huge. And I think along with seeing the huge carpet of Jesus and looking up at the ceiling you would feel closer to god and feel as though you were in the palace of God.

However overall I do agree with this statement because when I went to Coventry cathedral it felt like an art gallery to me.