

Answers



Weathervanes in the shape of a cockerel have traditionally been seen as reminders of St. Peter.

They recall the story of how Peter denied that he knew Jesus three times before cockcrow.

This is not to criticise the saint. The whole point is that he turned back to Jesus.

Saint Peter was inspired by the Holy Spirit at Pentecost and in his ministry as the first leader of the Christian Church.

Weathercocks turn and face into the wind and so signify being moved by the Spirit and turning back to the Lord.

The tradition of church weathercocks goes back to the Middle Ages.

This is a photo of the weathercock on the spire of Saint Mary's Catholic Cathedral in Newcastle – they are not exclusively Anglican.