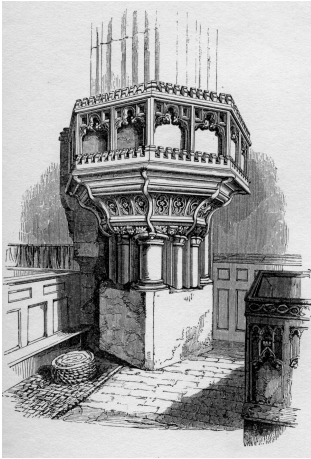


Did You Know: An Anglican Glossary

Pulpit



Trinity Church, Coventry,
ca. 1500

The Pulpit is the raised desk from which sermons are given and in England they were sometimes attached to a wall, a pillar or a screen, but always in the nave. They could be wood or stone of various designs. Christ Church Philadelphia (1695) has a famous wineglass shaped pulpit.

The curious three-tiered pulpits are a result of the extreme Calvinist Evangelical trend of the 1800's, when the sermon became all-important and the Communion table replaced the altar. The three-tiered pulpit placed the homilist at the top, the reader in the middle and below the clerk to read announcements. There are still some three-tiered pulpits in England and a few in the United States.



Three-tiered pulpit