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Oak Carved Mirror

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Height: 71.5 cm (28.1")

Width: 61 cm (24")

Depth: 5.5 cm (2.2")

Description

Antique Carved Mirror
A Victorian carved mirror with a heraldic central crest, the frame carved with oak leaves and acorns. The crest shows 'A Pelican in her piety, with her wings displayed'.

Corpus Christi College in Oxford is known to use the Pelican in her piety in it's college badge as the college is noted for the pillar sundial in the main quadrangle, known as the Pelican Sundial, which was erected in 1581 by Charles Turnbull. The pelican is a reference to the college's name: 'corpus christi' means 'the body of Christ', and the pelican was said to have offered its own blood to its children, just as Christ offers his body to his followers in the Eucharist. Because of the complexity of the coat of arms it is not suitable for use on items such as the college crested tie, where the pelican is used instead. The pelican also appears alone on the college flag and on top of the Pelican Sundial.

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