Charles Dickens’ last novel, “The Mystery of Edwin Drood”, was set in and around the Cathedral in a city called Cloisterham. Many people think that Cloisterham is in fact Rochester. The following quotes come from his story.

One of the characters in the story, Mr Grewgious, looks into the Cathedral through the Great West Door and says, “Dear me, it’s like looking down the throat of Old Time”

In another part of the story Dickens describes the inside of the Cathedral at sunset:

“Old Time heaved a mouldy sigh from tomb and arch and vault;
and gloomy shadows began to deepen in corners;
and damp began to rise from green patches of stone;
and jewels, cast upon the pavement.....from stained glass by the declining sun, began to perish... “

Here’s a handy word bank to help you to start describing like Dickens

- calm
- kaleidoscope
- dappled
- pillar
- gigantic
- soaring
- spacious
- glinting
- awesome
- sparkle
- ancient
- dark
- dazzling
- majestic
- echoes
- mighty
- stone cold
- shadows
- musty
- gloomy
- radiant
- peaceful