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# Services at the Minster

## Sundays

<b>8.00 am</b>	<b>Holy Communion (BCP)</b>
<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>Holy Communion (Common Worship)</b>
<b>11.15 am</b>	<b>Minster Praise</b> <i>(with Communion on the 4th Sunday of the month)</i>
<b>2.00 pm</b>	<i>2nd Sunday</i> <b>Messy Church (Church House)</b>
<b>2.00 pm</b>	<i>4th Sunday</i> <b>Sensory Church (Church House)</b>
<b>6.30 pm</b>	<b>Choral Evensong</b>

## Weekdays

<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>11am Wednesday</b> <i>(in the Minster)</i>
<b>Morning Prayer</b>	<b>8.30 am, Monday to Saturday</b> <i>(on Zoom)</i>
<b>Evening Prayer</b>	<b>5.00pm Monday to Saturday</b> <i>(on Zoom)</i>

# Services at St Margaret's Chapel

<b>11.00 am</b>	<i>3rd Thursday</i> <b>Holy Communion (BCP)</b>
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We will continue to stream the 9.30 am service on Youtube. Look for the 'Wimborne Minster official' Youtube channel for live and recorded services.

## In October

21st Baptism of Beatrice Rose Booker

29th Baptism of Otilie Violet Hannam

11th Memorial service for Chris McKay                      aged 74 years

17th Funeral of Margaret Willcock                              aged 84 years

# Dates for your diary - November

Wednesday 1st	1.00pm-2.00pm	Meditation Group (Minster Crypt)
	7.30pm	Prayer Circle (Church House)
Thursday 2nd	9.30am-11am	Two by Two Toddler Group (Church House Upstairs)
Friday 3rd	10.30am-12 noon	Forest Garden for Homeschooling families
	12 noon - 1.00pm	Lunch and Chat (Church House)

## Dates for your diary - November

Sunday 5th	3.00pm	A Service to Remember Those who have Died
Tuesday 7th	10.30am – 12 noon	Forest Garden toddlers
Wednesday 8th	7.30pm	Prayer Circle (Church House)
	7.00pm	Aspects of Spirituality (Minster)
Thursday 9th	9.30am – 11am	Two by Two Toddler Group (Church House Upstairs)
Friday 10th	10.30am – 12 noon	Forest Garden for Homeschooling families
	12 noon – 1.00pm	Lunch and Chat (Church House)
Saturday 11th	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Royal British Legion Armistice Day Service</b>
	7.00pm	Bournemouth Bach Choir concert
<b>Sunday 12th</b>	<b>3.00am</b>	<b>Service of Remembrance</b>
Tuesday 14th	10.30am – 12 noon	Forest Garden toddlers
Wednesday 15th	1.00pm – 2.00pm	Meditation Group (Minster Crypt)
	7.00pm	Aspects of Spirituality (Minster)
Thursday 16th	9.30am – 11am	Two by Two Toddler Group (Church House Upstairs)
	2.15pm	Mothers' Union meeting (Church House)
Friday 17th	12 noon – 1.00pm	Lunch and Chat (Church House)
Saturday 18th	6.00pm – 8.00pm	Lewis Manning Celebration of Life (Minster Green)
Sunday 19th	3.00pm	Friends of the Minster Autumn teaparty
Tuesday 21st	10.30am – 12 noon	Forest Garden toddlers
Wednesday 22nd	1.00pm – 2.00pm	Meditation Group (Minster Crypt)
	7.00pm	Aspects of Spirituality (Minster)

## Dates for your diary - November

Thursday 23rd	9.30am - 11am	Two by Two Toddler Group (Church House Upstairs)
	7.15pm	PCC meeting
Friday 24th	10.30am - 12 noon	Forest Garden for Homeschooling families
	12 noon - 1.00pm	Lunch and Chat (Church House)
<b>Sunday 26th,</b>	<b>Christ the King</b>	
Tuesday 28th	10.30am - 12 noon	Forest Garden toddlers
Wednesday 29th	1.00pm - 2.00pm	Meditation Group (Minster Crypt)
	7.00pm	Aspects of Spirituality (Minster)
Thursday 30th	9.30am - 11am	Two by Two Toddler Group (Church House Upstairs)
	From 11.30am	Bell ringers



## Looking forward to December: Advent and Christmas

Sunday 3rd	6.30 pm	Advent service of light
Sunday 10th	1.00pm - 5.00pm	Christmas Crafts in Church House
Thursday 14th	11.00am	Carols at St Margaret's Chapel
Sunday 17th	6.30pm	Service of Lessons and Carols
Wednesday 20th	8pm	Compline by candlelight, with <i>Quintus Imperfectus</i> )
Saturday 23rd	11.00am	Shoppers' Carols
Sunday 24th	3.00pm	Crib service
	11.00pm	Midnight Eucharist
Monday 25th	9.30am	Eucharist

There will also be Holiday Club activities for children in the Forest Garden and Church House, Monday 18th - Friday 22nd December.

# Praying for the Minster and the Northern Villages, Wimborne and the world

## Prayer cycle for November

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|---|--|
| 1 Our Associate and Assistant Priests             | 15 The Minstead Training Project                       |
| 2 Lay Pastoral Assistants                         | 16 Archbishops Justin Welby and Stephen Cottrell       |
| 3 Families and children at the Minster            | 17 East Borough Housing Association                    |
| 4 Claire, our children's and families worker      | 18 Social workers                                      |
| 5 The Children's Society                          | 19 Dorset Wildlife Trust                               |
| 6 Bishops Stephen, Karen and Andrew               | 20 Queen Elizabeth's School                            |
| 7 Wimborne Library: staff, volunteers and users   | 21 PCC secretaries                                     |
| 8 Local MPs                                       | 22 Minster guides and welcomers                        |
| 9 Amnesty International                           | 23 The Minster Governors                               |
| 10 Bournemouth & Poole Hospital Chaplaincies      | 24 The Minster Environment Group                       |
| 11 Our Licensed Lay Minister                      | 25 Mission Aviation Fellowship                         |
| 12 Our Organist and Director of the Choirs        | 26 Our neighbouring churches                           |
| 13 The servers                                    | 27 The Tivoli Theatre and Allendale centre: volunteers |
| 14 The Minster Green Fair: organisers and helpers | 28 Refugees and migrants                               |
|   | 29 The Armed Forces                                    |
|   | 30 The Reef, Streetlight                               |

*Please use this diary as a part of your own prayers.  
In this way we can pray together as a parish for our common concerns.*

## Chained Library

The Chained Library is now closed for the winter, after a busy season. In April-October, 6,000 visitors climbed the winding stairs to discover the treasures of the library, guided by the highly knowledgeable volunteers. Many others will have enjoyed watching the video at ground level! The team of volunteers has

prepared a new guide to the Library, which is now in its final stages of editing and printing. Regular readers of this magazine will already have had a taster through our series of articles. A huge thank you to all the Library volunteers, and particularly to the organising committee!

# Hope for the world's despair



In recent mornings I have watched a squirrel rushing around on the lawn, occasionally stopping looking for places to hide food and chasing off another squirrel. A sure sign that Autumn is drawing on, along with the

St Julian of Norwich, had this vision in the 14th century, recorded in her writings *Revelations of Divine Love*:

*"And in this he showed me a little thing, the quantity of a hazel nut, lying in the palm of my hand, as it seemed. And it was as round as any ball. I looked upon it with the eye of my understanding, and thought, 'What may this be?' And it was answered generally thus, 'It is all that is made.' I marvelled how it might last, for I thought it might suddenly have fallen to nothing for littleness. And I was answered in my understanding: It lasts and ever shall, for God loves it. And so have all things their beginning by the love of God. In this little thing I saw three properties. The first is that God made it. The second that God loves it. And the third, that God keeps it."*

As we move through Autumn, we have a destination in Advent but in the intervening weeks we have a season of remembering – those who we have loved and lost, whom we see no more, at All Saints and All Souls; Remembrance services as we bring to mind those who fought in two World Wars to enable our country to live in peace. This year the world is in turmoil with more wars, violence, and unrest. Many innocent victims have died or are suffering. We may feel helpless and very small in the scheme of things, but prayers for peace and reconciliation are more important than ever. In these deeply troubled times in our world, when we may be overcome by fear and doubt, may we remember that God is our creator, our sustainer and recognise, feel and share the boundless love of God with those around us, living in kindness and compassion.

Hope for the world's despair:  
we feel the nations' pain;  
can anything repair this broken earth  
again?  
For this we pray:  
in every place  
a spark of grace  
to light the way.

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**Rev'd Heather Waldsax**

# Aspects of Spirituality 2023

## ***"The Arts and Spirituality"***

### **Wednesday – 1st November**

Speaker: **Victoria Cresswell**

*Dance and Movement*

Title: "On Gravity's Edge"

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### **Wednesday – 8th November**

Speaker: **Carol Bruton**

*Music*

Title: "If music be the food of love...."

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### **Wednesday - 15th November**

Speaker: **De Ashton**

*Poetry*

Title: "Air and Angels"

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### **Wednesday – 22nd November**

Speaker: **Beatrice Dopita and Minna Harvey**

*Painting, Photography and Sculpture*

Title: "Veins of Spirituality"

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### **Wednesday - 29th November**

Speaker: **Claire Lehmann**

*Crafts*

Title: "How can we play spirituality"

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## Two introductions

In October we official welcomed Rev. Canon Nigel Lloyd and Rev. Derek Butler as Assistant Priests at the Minster. Both are already known to many across the Minster's congregations, but they have now decided to take on a more formal role supporting the Rector and Associate Priests.

### Rev. Derek Butler



One of the common topics from this summer, apart from the weather, has been the amount of roadworks we've experienced. Especially those groan-inducing yellow signs rerouting you to who knows where. When I was asked to write a few words to introduce myself, when looking back, my life direction has taken several unexpected turns.

From a happy childhood in Kent I graduated with a degree in physics then headed to York to train as a teacher. An unexpected new direction as not many months before I had decided against joining a graduate scheme in the communications industry. In the first week there a life changing moment happened and I met Heather, my future wife. After 4 years teaching

physics in a boys' public school in York, we moved to Durham for 3 years while I completed my theological training then to Nottingham for my curacy and the arrival of our two sons. This was followed by a move to London to work for Church Pastoral Aid Society as their South East Regional Coordinator and develop adult resources for churches. My hobby from childhood was film making so when the offer to join BBC TV in the Children's Education dept came, I took it. This opened the door for a 22- year career from a TV Assistant Producer to Commissioning Editor as the output transitioned from broadcast tv to fully online. And finally, retirement. Each of these changes of direction when summarised like this may look easy. But they came often unexpectedly. The most important was at the age of 17 when I committed my life to follow Jesus. It was now His way not mine and everything has flowed from that.

Heather and I have been united in prayerfully always seeking God's direction for our lives. So, each new turn was a real step of faith with the natural and usual dose of human uncertainty and nervousness. Proverbs 3:5-6 are verses we've lived by:

'Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.'

And what now? Following our recent move from Buckinghamshire to Wimborne we are looking forward to the way God will lead us with you as I join the team here. Who knows what unexpected diversions He will guide us to take in the years ahead?

## Rev. Canon Nigel Lloyd

The Rev. Canon Nigel Lloyd worked in the wine trade in London before going to Lincoln Theological College, taking a degree in Theology from Nottingham University. Ordained Deacon in Salisbury Cathedral in 1981, he served his curacy at Sherborne

Abbey, and then moved to the Poole Deanery. He has served successively as incumbent of Lytchett Matravers, St. Peter's Parkstone with Brownsea Island, and finally St. John's Broadstone. Canon Nigel was a School Governor for 25 years, and followed Stephen Lake as Rural Dean of Poole. For 15 years he was a Proctor in Convocation (member of General Synod), and was a Prebend and Canon of Salisbury Cathedral, becoming a Canon Emeritus on his retirement in 2017. He was awarded a Lambeth Diploma in Theology for a thesis on The Doctrine of Marriage in the Church of England and earned an MA in



Christian Spirituality from Winchester University. Canon Nigel is a woodturner, a photographer, a cook, a wine-lover, a father and a grandfather. For over 40 years he was married to Canon Jane Lloyd, Chaplain of Poole Hospital.

### A prayer

*Pray not for Arab or Jew,  
for Palestinian or Israeli,  
but pray rather for ourselves,  
that we might not divide them  
in our prayers  
but keep them both together  
in our hearts.*

From Christian Aid, based on the prayer of a Palestinian Christian. This prayer is set by the candlestand in the Minster.

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## Repair work



You may have noticed scaffolding in and around the Minster the last weeks of October and into November. You may even have spotted people swinging on ropes, Spiderman-style, from the towers. Every five years each church building must be inspected by an architect, who prepares a Quinquennial Report with recommendations for repairs. It is up to the Churchwardens and the Fabric Committee to ensure these repairs happen. The quinquennial work in the Minster in late October was carried out by two firms, Ellis & Co from Shepton Mallet and Sally Strachey Historic Conservation (SSHHC) from Wells.

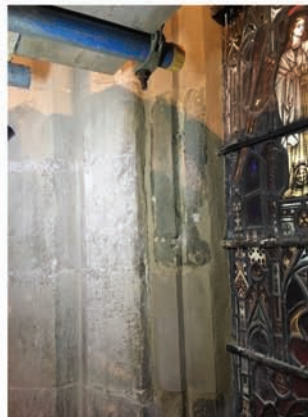
Mostly the work was repairing stone and mortar, around the windows and on the two towers. (*Photo: fractured stone in the south transept, and the repairs.*) There is



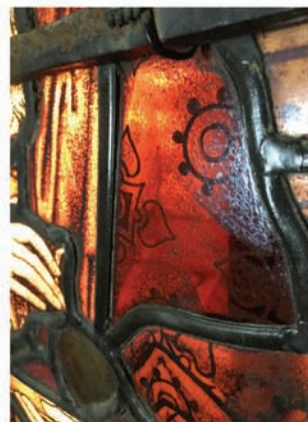
more work yet to be done, including repairs to the pinnacles of the west tower. Their outer sides can only be reached using an extremely tall 'cherry picker', and that



will be for a later date. Erecting scaffolding to the top of the south transept window made it possible to get a good look at the window glass and framework as well. We



all know that on cold days condensation appears on the inside of the windows. Imagining 100 years of condensation collecting dust and encouraging mould



growth, you might conclude the windows are fairly dirty on the inside.

The photo on the previous page shows a pane on a cold morning, with condensation. The second photo shows the same pane after a gentle clean with a damp cloth. The window dates from 1892 and has almost certainly never been cleaned. Michelle Dawson from

Stonecroft Stained Glass came at short notice to assess the condition of the window. It is possible to clean it safely, but there is emergency work that needs to be done first, since some glass is coming loose from its frame. So this scaffolding will remain longer, for the most urgent work; putting up the scaffolding is the most expensive part of the whole project.

We hope to be able to clean the whole window professionally at some point in the future.

All this maintenance work is vital but costly. Please support the Minster PCC and the Friends of Wimborne Minster with your donations so that we can continue to care for this beautiful building.

**- Bruce Jensen,  
Churchwarden**

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## Networking with other churches



At this time of year, we usually think of the annual political party conferences, but recently I have attended two events of a slightly different nature – The Major Churches Network Conference in Oxford and the Friends of Cathedrals, Abbeys and Greater Churches one at Hereford Cathedral. We were warmly

welcomed to both events and looked after very well. The Minster is a member of the Major Churches Network (formerly the Greater Churches Network). “Major Churches are often defined by heritage organisations and in terms of the historic significance of the building.

Nevertheless, we should not neglect the fact that these churches often have a role or roles beyond those of a typical parish church. They make a considerable civic, cultural and economic contribution to their communities.” (MCN) For the MCN conference we were accommodated in St Edmund Hall and most of the talks were given in the University

Church where we had daily morning prayer and a communion on the final day. Topics covered included: our place in the community during another pandemic or crisis, cancel culture, the place of the buildings in our culture, and leadership. I also attended a session on “Net Zero.” The talks were both informative and thought provoking and, in one case, light-hearted and fun. Probably as important as the talks was the opportunity to talk to both clergy and lay workers in other major churches throughout the country. I made several useful contacts and discovered that we all share similar issues and problems. One aspect that was almost universal



was that we are all experiencing aging congregations, but the one area that is both treasured and bringing in young people was the choir and the music. This is a much-prized asset and

worth looking after. Both Cathedrals and Major Churches need to preserve the English Choral Tradition. The Friends Conference included Cathedrals and once again we enjoyed some informative talks on investments and the new Cathedral Measures which bring the governance in cathedrals more in line with our PCC. The opening talk, by the Canon Chancellor (whom I have invited to the Minster) took as it's text "Astounded at the greatness of God" Our issues are basically similar to those of the cathedrals. We need to: be a place of story, a place of unbroken worship with liturgical seasons and

of exceptional quality, centres of teaching and with an unconditional welcome. A very personal and amusing talk by Question Letts about his take on the Church of England ended our conference.

We also enjoyed two Choral Evensongs. I spoke to many colleagues both from Major Churches and Cathedrals and had a long chat with the steward in the Hereford Chained Library. We have many friends among the cathedrals and major churches who all face the same challenges.

**- Peter Cook,  
Churchwarden**

*(Photos: Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford and Hereford Cathedral)*

## Animal Blessing Service, Sunday 8th October



*The Rector with WVS representative Becky Miners, Cllr March, Punch (Sporting Lucas Terrier) and Jack (Springer Spaniel).*

Wimborne Town Mayor Cllr Diann March, a self-proclaimed "great animal lover," organised the Animal Blessing Service this year, which was attended by 25 dogs, their owners, and one floppy-eared rabbit. There were hymns, prayers led by the Rector, and a short talk by Becky Miners of the Worldwide Veterinary Service, which was the

recipient of the collection. Colin Davey played "How Much is that Doggy in the Window" as a voluntary. A service blessing animals originates with St Francis (1181-1226), who preached to birds and wild animals about praising God for the glories of Creation. Francis recognised that human beings are intrinsically connected to all other created beings.

# Beachcombers' Delight

Anthony Oliver writes: Our daughter Anne is an enthusiastic fossil hunter. While staying in Lyme Regis recently, she was scouring the beach to the east of the town when her partner Gary spied what he thought was a large fork sticking out from under a rock. He gave it a tug, and out came a somewhat bent brass toast fork, 18 inches in length. Anne noticed that the wording on the top was 'Wimborne Minster', and under an effigy of the Quarterjack was the wording 'Quarterjack'. What an amazing find, linking Anne with her parents' home but found on a beach in West Dorset. The area where Anne and Gary found the fork is part of an old Victorian tip which is constantly being eroded by the sea. This probably dates the fork as from the early 1900s but where they were sold (presumably in Wimborne) is still unknown. Any suggestions would be welcomed. The Minster has a pair of short brass candlesticks with a similar relief decoration of the Quarterjack, donated quite recently. The story does not end here because many years ago Anne saw exactly the same thing in a shop in Cornwall and bought it for her mother. This identical toast fork has been in our lounge for a very long time.





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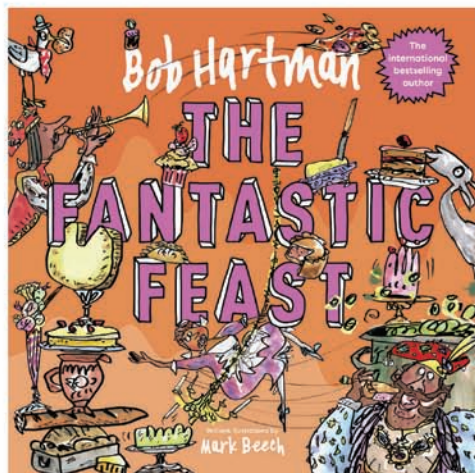
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## Book review: *The Fantastic Feast*, by Bob Hartmann (£8.99 in the Minster shop)

This is one of a series of Jesus' parables retold in rhyming couplets by the inimitable storyteller Bob Hartmann. Here, the rich man tries to invite people to his feast, who all refuse, until, in the final scene, he welcomes a whole crowd of unusual guests. The book is large format, easy to share and enjoy with younger children, and the drawings are lively and would be fun to talk about. Others in the series include *One Sheep Short* and *The Precious Pearl*; you can take a look at them in the shop at the back of the Minster.

If you are looking for a simpler read, I was delighted to see that Mick Inkpen's retellings of the stories Jesus told are also for sale in the shop. His version of the story of the lost sheep was a hit with children in the Forest Garden recently!

- Rosalind Jensen



## Clapper Chaos Handbell Group

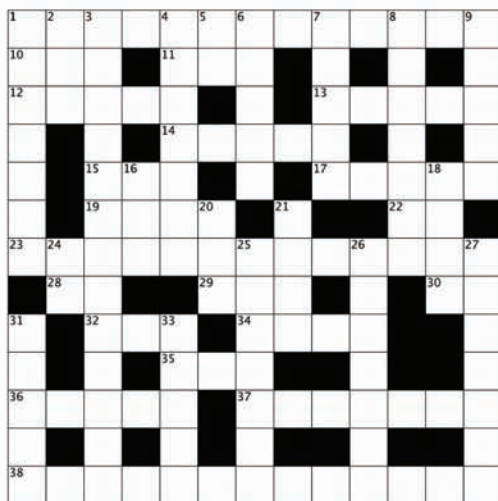


On Saturday 21st we enjoyed an amazing concert by this skilful local group, organised by Sheila Soper to raise money for Yambio, South Sudan. The arrangements (written by the leader of the group, Tim Rose) included John Williams' film music, *The Sound of Silence*, and an adaptation of the *Concerto de Aranjuez*, as well as some hymn tunes. The sound of handbells is mesmerizing, and we were able to ask questions and even try ringing a bell. The event raised over £500 for South Sudan, and may even spark a revival of handbell ringing in the Minster!

# November Crossword set by Bruce Jensen

## ACROSS

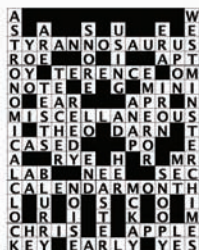
1. She went to Grandmother's house with a basket of goodies (3,6,4)
10. Before, poetically (3)
11. Some grass, with roots and soil (3)
12. Provide food & drink for an event, as do Sorrells of Wimborne (5)
13. The daughter of your brother (5)
14. World's silliest question: "Are you \_\_\_?" (5)
15. \_ Guevara, iconic Cuban revolutionary (3)
17. "I hate you," says the teenager as she \_\_\_ the door (5)
19. What Dear Henry has in his bucket (4)
22. Answer in the negative (2)
23. The real person (animal?) wearing Grandma's nightie (3,3,3,4)
28. It interrupts your TV viewing (2)
29. \_\_\_ & tonic (3)
30. Where the ambulance takes you (abbr) (2)
32. A shaped covering worn on the head (3)
34. Enormous desert in Mongolia (4)
35. Ages and ages (3)
36. "The \_\_\_ ran up the clock" (5)
37. Your team had your go - now it's \_ \_ (3, 4)



38. The real residents of the house Goldilocks found (3,5,5)
18. A black mark on the skin, or a burrowing animal (4)
20. The chicken came out of it (3)
21. "\_\_\_ tech", the promise of tiny machines in the future (4)
24. When repeated, laughter, maybe insincere (2)
25. "Why Grandma, what a \_\_\_ you have." "The better to smell you with, my dear." (3,4)
26. You put your lips together and blow (7)
27. "With \_\_\_ like these, who needs enemies?" (7)
31. Confess (5)
33. "Why Grandma, what big \_\_\_ you have." "The better to EAT YOU with, my dear." (5)

## DOWN

1. Proof of purchase (7)
2. We were born in the 2nd Elizabethan \_\_\_ (3)
3. Not a flat or a semi, but a stand-alone dwelling (8,5)
4. A citizen of the Jewish state (7)
5. How \_ you \_? (2)
6. Perfect (5)
7. Mechanism by which we pass on traits to our children (5)
8. My favourite herb for tomato sauce, after basil (7)
9. The Fairy Godmother turned Cinderella's rags into a fancy one (5)
16. Gas burner (3)



## Answers to October's crossword

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