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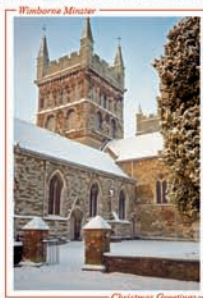
# CARDS FOR GOOD CAUSES

This year the sale of Cards for Good Causes will take place in **St George's Chapel**, inside the Minster, rather than in Church House. CFGC will be open 10 am – 4 pm, Monday – Saturday, and you can come in via the door to St. George's (step-free access).



## New Minster Christmas Card

A new Minster Christmas card has been produced this year, available both as a single card and in packets.



They are on sale in the Shop area at the back of the Minster, and in Cards for Good Causes in St. George's chapel.

## Cake Concerts are Back!

On Wednesday 23rd November there will be a concert of classical favourites and light music by a trio of BSO musicians in Wimborne Methodist Church Hall 2.30pm to 4.00pm. This is a Dementia Friendly event with refreshments.

Live music can have a profound impact on people living with dementia, encouraging reminiscence, improved communication and an improvement to wellbeing.

These concerts have proved very popular in the past and we are delighted that Owain Bailey (flute), Eluned Pierce (harp) and Kate Keats (cello) are coming back to Wimborne to play for us.

The venue is fully accessible. For more information, contact Steve Burrows (01202 880750) or Sue Tipping (email: [susanann44@btinternet.com](mailto:susanann44@btinternet.com)). You can book your place online at [bsolive.com](http://bsolive.com) or by phone, 01202 669925.



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For advertising information, contact the e-mail address above.

## Services at the Minster

### *Sundays*

**8.00 am**

**Holy Communion (BCP)**

**9.30 am**

**Holy Communion (Common Worship)**

**11.15 am**

**Minster Praise** *(with Communion on the 4th Sunday of the month)*

**2.00 pm**

*2nd Sunday* **Messy Church** *tbc*

**2.00 pm**

*4th Sunday* **Sensory Church** *tbc*

**6.30 pm**

**Choral Evensong**

### *Weekdays*

**Morning Prayer**

**8.30am Monday to Saturday** *(on Zoom)*

**Evening Prayer**

**5.00pm Monday to Saturday** *(on Zoom)*

**Holy Communion**

**11am Wednesday** *(in the Minster)*

## Services at St Margaret's Chapel

**11.00 am**

*3rd Thursday* **Holy Communion (BCP)**

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**

**2nd**

**Baptism of Freddie Hazard**

**8th**

**Baptism of Hudson and Harper Scott**

**9th**

**Baptism of Isabella Leake**

## Dates for your diary - November

### **Tuesday 1st, All Saints' Day**

10.30 – 12 noon

Toddler Group (Forest Garden)

### **Wednesday 2nd, All Souls' Day**

7.00pm – 8.30pm

Aspects of Spirituality (Minster)

Thursday 3rd

9.30am – 11am

Two by Two Toddler Group (Church House upstairs)

12 noon – 2.00pm

Oasis group lunch (Church House upstairs)



## Dates for your diary - November cont.

Friday 4th	12 noon – 1.30pm	Lunch and Chat (Church House)
	6.00pm – 9.00pm	Dorset Cello Classes (Church House upstairs)
Saturday 5th	9.30am – 11.30am	Wimborne Villages Course: Living in Love and Faith (Church House)
	10am – 5pm	Dorset Cello Classes (Church House upstairs)
<b>Sunday 6th</b>	7pm – 9pm	Salisbury Guild bell ringing practice
	<b>11.15am</b>	<b>Baptism of Charles Wheeler (during Minster Praise)</b>
	From 12 noon	Dorset Cello Classes (Church House upstairs)
	2.00pm	Cello Concert, fundraising for the Dorset Cello Classes (Church House upstairs)
Tuesday 8th	10.30am – 12 noon	Toddler Group (Forest Garden)
Wednesday 9th	7.00pm – 8.30pm	Aspects of Spirituality (Minster)
Thursday 10th	9.30am – 11am	Two by Two Toddler Group (Church House upstairs)
	4.00pm	Standing Committee meeting (Church House)
Friday 11th	10.30am – 12 noon	Forest Garden Home Education Group (Forest Garden)
	<b>11am – 12 noon</b>	<b>Royal British Legion Armistice Day Service</b>
	12 noon – 1.30pm	Lunch and Chat (Church House)
Saturday 12th	9.30am – 11.30am	Wimborne Villages Course: Living in Love and Faith (Church House)
	<b>2.30pm</b>	<b>Memorial service for Anne Birchenough</b>
<b>Sunday 13th, Remembrance Day</b>		
	<b>3pm</b>	<b>Service of Remembrance</b>
Monday 14th	2.30pm – 3.30pm	Coffee and chat (Church House)
Tuesday 15th	10.30am – 12 noon	Forest Garden Toddler Group (Forest Garden)

## Dates for your diary - November cont.

Wednesday 16th	7.00pm – 8.30pm	Aspects of Spirituality (Minster)
Thursday 17th	9.30am – 11am	Two by Two Toddler Group (Church House Upstairs)
	2.15pm – 4pm	Mothers' Union (Church House)
Friday 18th	12 noon – 1.30pm	Lunch and Chat (Church House)
Saturday 19th	9.30am – 11.30am	Wimborne Villages Course: Living in Love and Faith (Church House)
	10.00am – 4.00pm	Christmas Market (Minster Green)
	7.30pm	Bournemouth Bach Choir concert

### **Sunday 20th, Christ the King**

	3.00pm	Friends Tea Party (Minster and Church House Upstairs)
Tuesday 22nd	10.30am – 12 noon	Forest Garden Toddler Group (Forest Garden)
Wednesday 23rd	7.00pm – 8.30pm	Aspects of Spirituality (Minster)
Thursday 24th	9.30am – 11am	Two by Two Toddler Group (Church House Upstairs)
	7.15pm	PCC meeting (Minster)
Friday 25th	10.30am – 12 noon	Forest Garden Home Education Group (Forest Garden)
	12 noon – 1.30pm	Lunch and Chat (Church House)
Saturday 26th	9.30am – 11.30am	Wimborne Villages Course: Living in Love and Faith (Church House)

### **Sunday 27th, First Sunday in Advent**

	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Advent service</b>
Monday 28th	2.30pm 3.30pm	Coffee and chat (Church House)
Tuesday 29th	10.30am – 12 noon	Forest Garden Toddler Group (Forest Garden)

### **Wednesday 30th Saint Andrew the Apostle**

	7.00pm – 8.30pm	Aspects of Spirituality (Minster)
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# FRIENDS OF WIMBORNE MINSTER

## NOVEMBER TEA PARTY

**Sunday 20th November 2022**

**From 3.00 pm in the Minster**

**From Churchwarden Peter Cook:**

"This year, since the grant from the Friends towards the organ rebuilding was a substantial one, I am going to precede the tea by a short demonstration of the rebuilt instrument and explain how the money has been spent. There will be slides showing the progress of the work, from an empty chamber to the completed instrument including views of the inside. I can also give some details of various things that have been discovered.

I will also play a few pieces to illustrate how the organ now sounds."

**Members of the Friends, please book your places for the tea by November 15th.**



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## Looking ahead: Advent and Christmas



*Photo by Micha L. Rieser,  
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The candles in our Advent wreath mark the four Sundays of the season: on the first we remember Abraham and the Patriarchs, on the second the prophets who foretold the coming of the Messiah, on the third, John the Baptist, and on the fourth, Mary, who said 'Yes' to God's plan for Jesus. If you have a central, fifth candle, that represents Jesus, and is lit on Christmas Eve.

Through the Advent season we welcome many schools celebrating 'their Christingle' or Carol Services in the Minster, as well as Dorset Police and Diverse Abilities. The Minster's own Carol Service is on Sunday December 18th, and everyone is welcome.



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

## Prayer cycle for November

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

## Remembering St Martin, Bishop of Tours (d. 8th November 397)



The best-known story from St Martin's life is the moment when he cut up his cloak and gave half to a beggar. In the rest of his long life he established monasteries and travelled tirelessly in southwest France to spread Christianity. But this autumn and winter, as many struggle with rising prices, his generosity to someone in need has a special force for us too.

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**“All good gifts around us  
are sent from heaven above;  
then thank the Lord,  
O thank the Lord, for all his love.”**  
*(Matthias Claudias, 1740-1815)*



As I write this, the sun is shining, and the leaves are lit up in an abundance of reds, browns, oranges, yellows, and greens. Autumn is one of my favourite times of the year, where within the beauty surrounding us, we celebrate Harvest festivals, thanking God for all that he has provided and acknowledging his goodness in all of creation.

*‘There is time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven’*

(Ecclesiastes 3; 1-8).

Like the seasons throughout the calendar year, our lives go through different seasons too.

A time of Spring and new life – maybe newly married, a new parent, grand parent or great grandparent, a new job? Or summer, a feeling of warmth and all is well. Autumn can often be seen as a time of

transition as we see the many changes before our eyes – maybe new schools or universities, children leaving home. Then the winter season draws in as we turn the clocks back. During a winter season, times may be more challenging. Like the leaves falling off the trees, maybe we are affected by an illness or the loss of a loved one. This is even more poignant in November as we acknowledge the loss of loved ones in

All Souls, All Saints and Remembrance services. The Christian faith believes that after those winter times, new life and hope comes, as with the changing of the seasons.

*“See! The winter is past; the rains are over and gone”* (Song of Songs 2:11).

Ann Lewin puts this beautifully in her poem ‘Spring’ (see below) May God Bless you in whatever season you are in.

**- Rev Sharon Boyle**

*Underneath winter's struggle for survival  
Life waits to be born.*

*After long periods of apparent desolation  
Shoots appear, and the colour warms the earth,  
Gladdening the heart with hope.*

*Buried beneath our fears, preoccupations,  
Apparent deadness, Life waits:  
The growing is in the waiting.*

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## Aspects of Spirituality 2022

### **Make a Joyful Noise: Church Music through the Centuries**

**At Wimborne Minster, 7.00pm for 7.30pm,  
with a range of speakers**

**Wednesday 2nd November**  
**Music in the early Church**  
**(Plainsong and Chant)**

**Wednesday 9th November**  
**The Reformation**

**Wednesday 16th November**  
**Post-Reformation, Continental**  
**and Secular Influences**

**Wednesday 23rd November**  
**The 18th and 19th Centuries**

**Wednesday 30th November**  
**The 20th Century and Review**

**followed by Compline**

*Tickets £5 including light refreshment  
from the Parish Office or at the door.*

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# Unseen Face of the Minster



We recently celebrated the 900th anniversary of the building of the main part of the church. In around 1230-1250 the church was extended and the chancel was added, that is, the choir and the area around the high altar. In the 14th century St. George's Chapel and Trinity Chapel were added to the building. The reason the chancel windows are half-blocked is because the lower part of the old windows intersect the roofs of the two newer chapels. While repairs were going on recently, I was in the gap between the chancel and Trinity chapel roofs, and I noticed

that there are a few carved faces on the chancel eaves – ones that we can no longer see from the ground.



Here is a photo of one of them. Is it a cat? A devil? Your suggestions are welcome.

**- Bruce Jensen**



## Minster Organ

Work on the organ is now finished, and we said goodbye to the team from Manders organ builders, including the last two (Joe Calder and Philip Shrimpton) seen in this photo. We thank them for their careful and high-quality work over a long period, but also for their consideration for the life of the Minster that continued around them. Manders will continue to maintain the organ, which will also be tuned again before the Christmas season. William McVicar, adviser to the organ project, has visited to review the new instrument before the work was signed off.

The extended series of lunchtime recitals has now ended, and we have enjoyed hearing (among other musicians) a series of fine organists. Thank you to everyone who took part in the extended recital series, and to Peter Cook who organised it.

# Minster Matters – September PCC meeting

## Stormproofing

What sort of winter do you think we'll have? Both economic and weather storms are predicted and the sale of adult Onesies is booming as people turn down their central heating a notch. People are adapting the use of their rooms as they work more from home and, as I sort out some winter clothes and do some repairs, I'm wondering whether it would be worth fitting thermal linings to curtains. Repairs, maintenance, energy usage and re-ordering are also things that the PCC was considering at



its September meeting, trying to ensure that the fabric of the Minster weathers the storms. Although the Minster has some protection from economic storms thanks to its associated trusts, the Treasurer warned us of future uncertainties due to a reduction in the number

of regular givers and the unknown and possible negative effect of the revised way of calculating the Parish Share that we pay to the Diocese. Our energy contract expired at the end of September and brokers had quoted us contracts with a five-fold increase in the unit price of electricity and ten-fold for gas. The recent government's energy relief scheme puts a cap well below this increase and we learnt at the meeting that the Minster will continue out of contract with the existing supplier, SSE, until a better and



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preferably greener deal is available. Maintenance and repairs identified by the 5-yearly inspection of the Minster continue and for those who gasped at the teddy bear zip-wire at the Minster Green Festival, we learnt that there will be further thrills as we watch expert masons repair external damage to the high central tower while accessing it from ropes. Following a visit by the Minster's architect, a draft feasibility study on the reordering of the Minster will be available for discussion by the PCC and, later, by the whole Minster community. In the meantime, a lot of de-

cluttering is being done. Unauthorised vehicles clogging up the Minster Car park is a real problem and our present practice of leaving polite notes on windscreens is not an adequate deterrent. We learnt at the PCC meeting of a system used successfully by our neighbours, the Methodists, and which our finance officer is now exploring. For a small start-up fee, a company will respond to photos sent via an app of vehicles wrongly parking. They send the keeper a formal letter and on the third contravention, a fine is imposed. To demonstrate

authorisation to park, the vehicle must display one of our parking permits and when/if the new system starts, the car park will have clear signs about this. Towards the end of the meeting, under Staff Matters, many spoke of their pleasure at working with our new members of staff, Claire and Martin. Both have shown great initiative and helpfulness in their roles and remind us that, in times of storm, it is these qualities in our people that will see us through.

**- Rosemary Lunt**



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# Quinquennial repairs Part 1

Every five years, the Minster architect inspects the building and makes a list of recommendations (Quinquennial Report), some more urgent than others. Here are some of the repairs that the specialists of Ellis & Co. made recently.

(a) To repair cracked pieces of lead, the Ellis team lifted the welding bottles up onto the flat roof above the 'kitchen'



area, then snaked long tubes over the roof of Trinity Chapel so that the heat could be applied to weld a patch over the cracks.

(b), (c) Leaks into the south aisle: although some of the lead flashing has come away in the gutter of the roof, Ellis found and welded over two more cracked lead sheets, which they thought were the main reason for the leaks;



they reached the spot using the cherrypicker. (d) The downpipes of the Minster are protected at ground level by wooden boxes, and the drains hadn't been cleared out for a long while: there was quite a lot of debris to dig out!

(e) , Inside the Minster, the wall behind the Beethell monument (in the Children's Corner) is still damp, so it was tidied

up but couldn't be painted.

In January another expert team will be doing repair work on the towers, on ropes, so keep your eyes open!

**Photos and information from Bruce Jensen**

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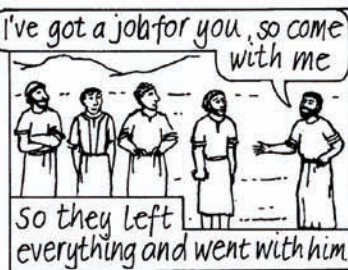
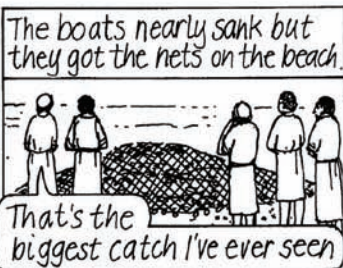
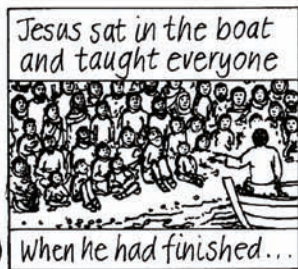
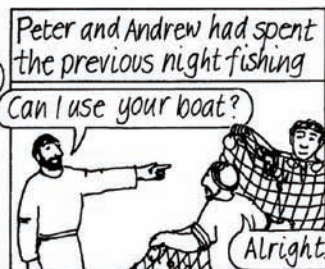
On November 30th we remember Andrew, one of the first disciples, called by Jesus from his life as a fisherman.

# Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in  
Lk 5:1-11, Mt. 4:18-22, Mk 1:16-20

On the shore of Lake Galilee, Jesus was trying to teach people but there were so many that he couldn't be heard.







# #SaveSafely

There is a lot of advice available about how to save on energy costs and keep warm. The Fire Service's #SaveSafely has a lot of practical suggestions and reminders, for instance about how to use an air-fryer safely.

Among other areas, they remind us all about safe use of portable heaters, getting chimneys swept if we use fireplaces, and

going through a safety check if we are re-using a heater, electric blanket etc. that has been stored for some time. And a bedtime safety routine, checking, for instance, that appliances are turned off, is encouraged for everyone.

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## MED MUSEUM OF EAST DORSET

### Upcoming events

**Thursday 3rd November at 7pm: 'Inside the Box',  
a talk by David Lloyd**

David has been collecting antique boxes for 40 years. He will bring along some of his collection and share their stories – from writing boxes with secret drawers to music boxes. If you have a family heirloom box, bring it along to find out more!

**Tickets £7.**



**Thursday 24th November, between 5pm  
and 8pm: Christmas Shopping Evening**

Browse the gifts in the shop while enjoying tasters of food and drink from local producers. Enjoy a warm mulled wine in the Museum kitchen before meandering down the garden to enjoy festive live music and an indoor makers' market where you can stock up on hand-crafted gifts.

**Tickets £3.**



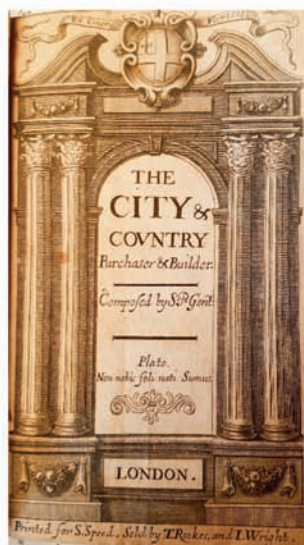
**Christmas**  
SHOPPING NIGHT



# Wimborne Chained Library - Book of the Month

## The City and Country Purchaser and Builder (1667)

London: Printed for S. Speed. Sold by T. Rookes and I. Wright  
Composed by Stephen Primatt. Gent.



This small book, highly important when it was written, was born out of the ashes of the Great Fire of London that raged in September 1666. The two Latin mottos on the Title Page translate as 'From ashes, blossom' and 'Not for ourselves alone are we born'.

It was the first work written in English covering Building Valuation, Measurement and Pricing. Over thirty thousand houses had been destroyed by the fire, with resulting homelessness. The Government acted quickly, passing two Acts with the shortened titles *The Fire of London Disputes Act 1666* and *An Act for Rebuilding the City*

of London 1666.

In his Preface Stephen Primatt addressed his readers "From my Chambers at Cliffords-Inn this 14th of October 1667". He was a lawyer and worked with the Fire Court that convened in session at Cliffords-Inn. It sat from February 1667 to February 1676. The Court was inaugurated to settle property disputes arising from rebuilding. Most house rental contracts in 1666 made tenants liable to repair or rebuild in the event of damage to the property they occupied. They were even liable to continue paying rent. The Court decided who should rebuild based on ability to pay. There were no Costs and no Appeals. Hearings usually lasted no longer than a day.

Primatt's book was written to assist the Fire Court in two ways; first, to provide a source of reference for parties to come to an early agreement, and second, as a guide and reference book for the Court if disputes arose. The Rebuilding Act introduced the first building regulations

enacted in this country. It stated that all new buildings had to be constructed of brick or stone against the future perils of fire. It also imposed a maximum number of storeys per house for a fixed number of dwellings to eliminate overcrowding. Three classes of property were set out - (1) "the least Houses fronting by Streets and Lanes"; (2) houses "fronting Streets, Lanes of note and River of Thames." (3) "Houses fronting all High Streets and Lanes of Note". Brick party walls were introduced for the first time.

This volume sets out the Regulations in a practical and comprehensive manner, costing the replacement of each class of house and inserting proposed layout plans.





It even describes how each Trade should measure and cost their work, giving standard prices. Further it examines how landlord's and tenant's interests in property should be valued before the fire, as a starting point for apportioning rebuilding costs.



The volume is stated to be “composed” by Stephen Primatt. Without doubt there is considerable input by a Surveyor. A second edition was published in 1680, still accredited to Stephen Primatt, but “much enlarged by William Leybourn”. He was a highly respected Surveyor instructed by The City of London in 1666 to advise on rebuilding and together with a team of six Surveyors, to produce a map of the City.

Our copy of The City and Country Purchaser and Builder almost certainly came to the Chained Library as part of the Gillingham Bequest.

**- Ian Broadway**

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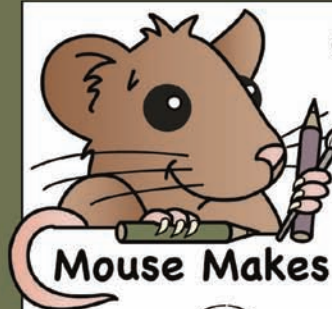
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God sent a messenger to Mary  
What was the angel's name?

\_\_\_\_\_  
Luke 1:26-28

Mary was frightened,  
what did the angel say?

\_\_\_\_\_  
Luke 1:30

What was Mary to  
name her child?

\_\_\_\_\_  
Luke 1:31

What is her son  
going to be?

\_\_\_\_\_  
Luke 1:32-33



**READ**  
the story  
in *Luke*  
1:26-55



What does the angel  
say about God?

\_\_\_\_\_  
Luke 1:37  
(LEARN this verse)

Mary praises God, what does  
she say God has done?

\_\_\_\_\_  
Luke 1:46-55



Find the words  
in the word  
search and  
the \_\_\_\_  
words too.



What happened  
to Elizabeth  
when Mary  
went to  
visit her?

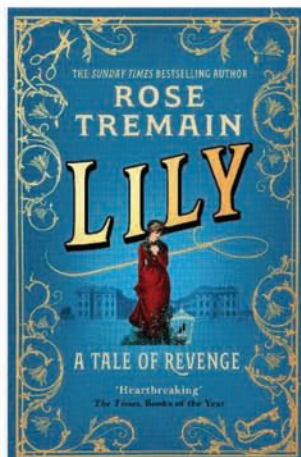
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Luke 1:41



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## Book Reviews



**Lily: A Tale of Revenge,**  
**by Rose Tremain**  
**(Chatto & Windus, 2021)**  
**ISBN 978-178744564**

The heroine of this novel, Lily Mortimer, was abandoned by her mother as a baby one winter's night in 1850 at the gates of a London park. She is saved by a young police officer and taken to the London Foundling Hospital. As was

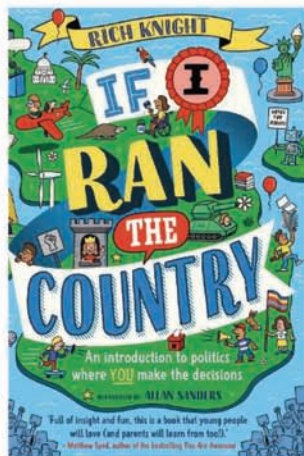
the Hospital's policy, Lily was fostered out for the first six years of her life, the happiest, to a farming family in Suffolk. She then returned to the Hospital where she was subjected to very harsh treatment, usual at the time, especially by one nurse who called her Miss Disobedience. As a teenager, she was released into the harsh world of Victorian London where she became a favoured employee at Belle Prettywood's Wim Emporium – but all the while she is holding a terrible secret.

Across the years the policeman, Sam Trench, keeps an eye on the young woman he once saved. Sam and Lily meet up again, to mutual attraction. Will this lead to happiness or to her death?

Rose Tremain is a brilliant, intelligent novelist with

sixteen novels to her name, many of them award winners. Her command of language is outstanding: with a single word or phrase she encapsulates what would take many a couple of paragraphs. Her plotlines are carefully and gradually revealed, leading to many unexpected twists and turns. Her ability to inhabit the skin of an historical period and bring it alive is excellent. The same applies to her skill in getting inside her characters and taking the reader with her – in this book, breaking one's heart in the process. For those familiar with Rose Tremain's writing, she remains at the top of her form. Those unfamiliar with her work are in for a great experience.

**- Beryl Balinas**



**If I Ran the Country, by Rich Knight and Allan Sanders**  
**(Hachette, 2021), ISBN: 9781526363725, £8.99**

In this funny, colourful book, written for ages 9 and up, you the reader have to make some hard decisions about what your country will be like – the political system, how fair you want your country to be, whether you can win support for your projects. And you will have to decide what you believe is right, and how best to work as a team.

When I shared this book with a group of 11-year-olds, excited discussion raged immediately; this would be an excellent present for both children and their adults, to get us thinking and talking about the kind of country we want to live in.

**- Rosalind Jensen**



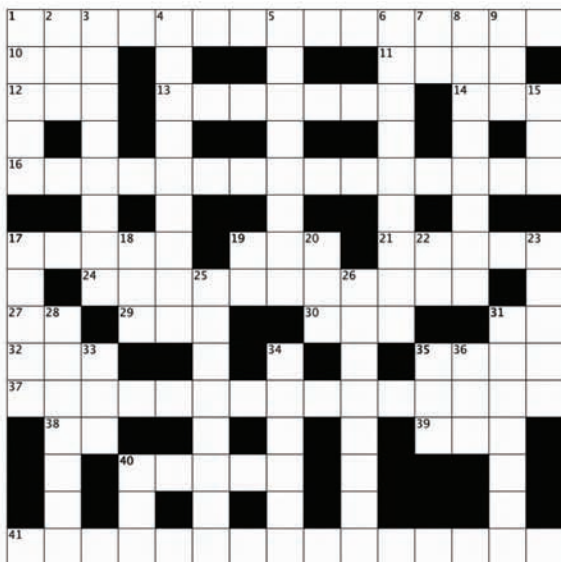
# November's Crossword set by Bruce Jensen

## ACROSS

1. Regional fruit pudding (6,5,4)
10. Age or span of time (3)
11. A (lonely?) fish (4)
12. US equivalent of Scotland Yard (abbr.) (3)
13. Underground passages (7)
14. \_ Corner, Wimborne (3)
16. ! (11,4)
17. First name of former Minster churchwarden Gulliver (5)
19. Ready, \_\_, FIRE! (3)
21. Perfect (5)
24. This pie's principal ingredient is golden syrup and lemon (7,4)
27. It's the Latin abbreviation for "Year of our Lord" (2)
29. Extra Sensory Perception (abbr.) (3)
30. That mousse that you put on your hair to get it to stay in place (3)
31. Hamlet: "To \_ or not to \_?" (2)
32. Obtain (3)
35. Imitated (like a monkey?) (4)
37. What you need around the house when the boiler packs up (8,7)
38. Driver's licence or passport (abbr.) 2
39. We use it for hearing (3)
40. What the Americans call a film (5)
41. A smooth, rich French pudding (9,6)

## DOWN

1. Daniel \_\_, author of Robinson Crusoe (5)
2. They rested on the Queens coffin: the \_\_ and Sceptre (3)
3. We don it in wet weather (8)
4. The ways in (8)



5. Hair gathered in back and tied with a band, making it look like the end bit of a small horse (8)
6. Vital, absolutely necessary (9)
7. In the web address ending ".uk" it means "commercial" (2)
8. A, B, C, ... (8)
9. Useful bit of metal for opening a door (3)
15. What the lady who saw a mouse said (3)
17. God created man in his own \_\_ (5)
18. "You \_\_ the salt of the earth..." (3)
19. In the web address ending ".uk" it means "academic" (2)
20. One of many nicknames for "Margaret" (3)
22. Profession of the one who went to Gloucester in a shower of rain (2)
23. Industrial Yorkshire city on the River Aire (5)
25. Belief something is good or acceptable: "A child seeks his parents' \_\_" (8)
26. Old-fashion message sent with dots and dashes (8)
28. The woman responsible for Samson's downfall (7)
31. Small fruits that are nice in pies, jams, or on your cereal (7)
33. A shortened version of "Theodore" (3)
34. Way of pronunciation: "I just love her Scottish \_\_." (6)
35. "Who \_\_ all the pies?" (3)
36. A small green, round vegetable, which can be felt under 20 mattresses by a true princess (3)
40. "\_\_ and cheese", a stodgy dish (3)

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