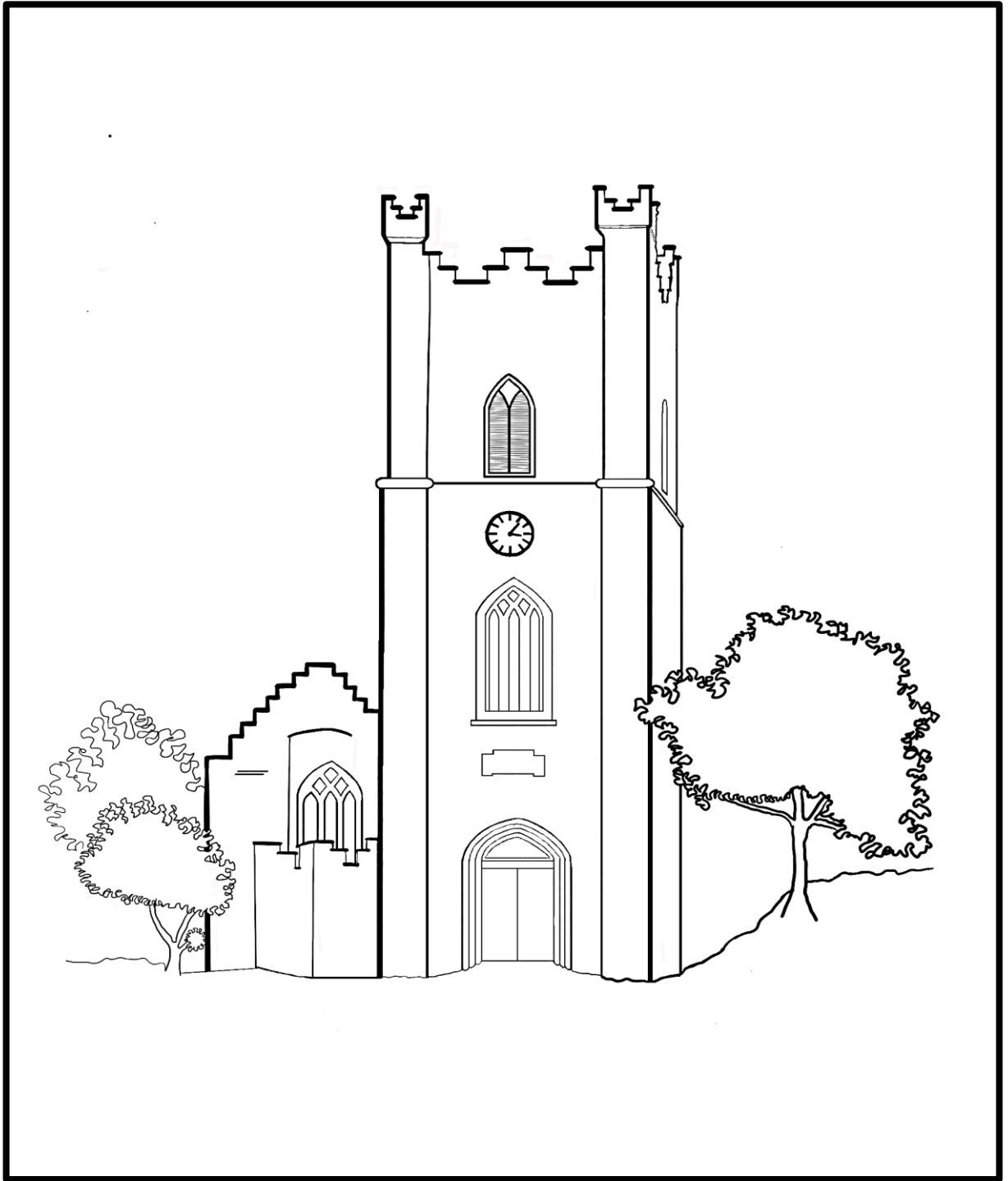


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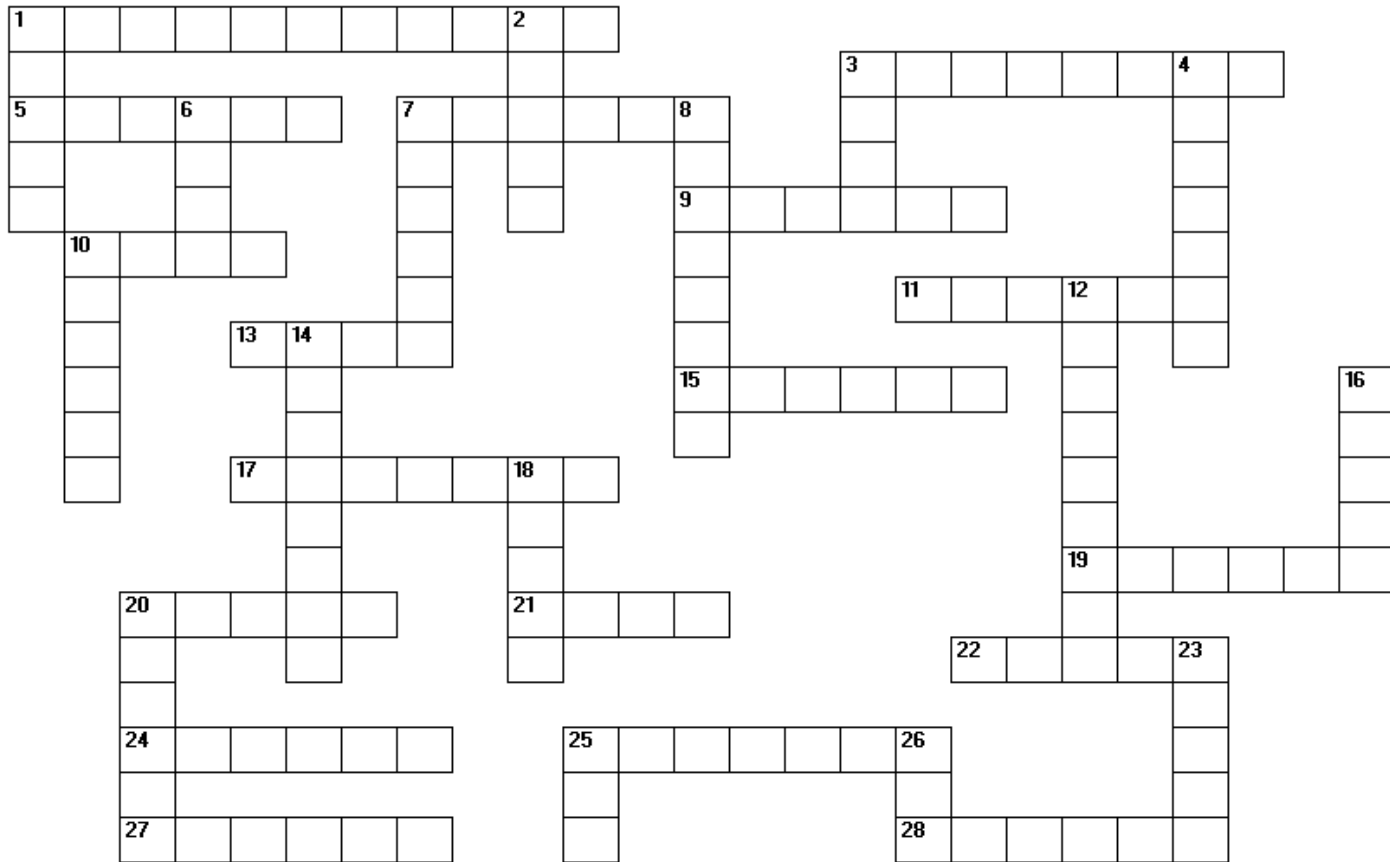
St. Audoen's Church

Colour me in



St Audoen's Church is Dublin's longest serving parish church. The oldest part of the church dates to 1190, just 20 years after the Normans arrived in Dublin. Three of the church bells were cast in 1423 and are the oldest bells in Ireland. The church is home to the 'Lucky Stone', which dates to the 9th century.

Medieval Crossword

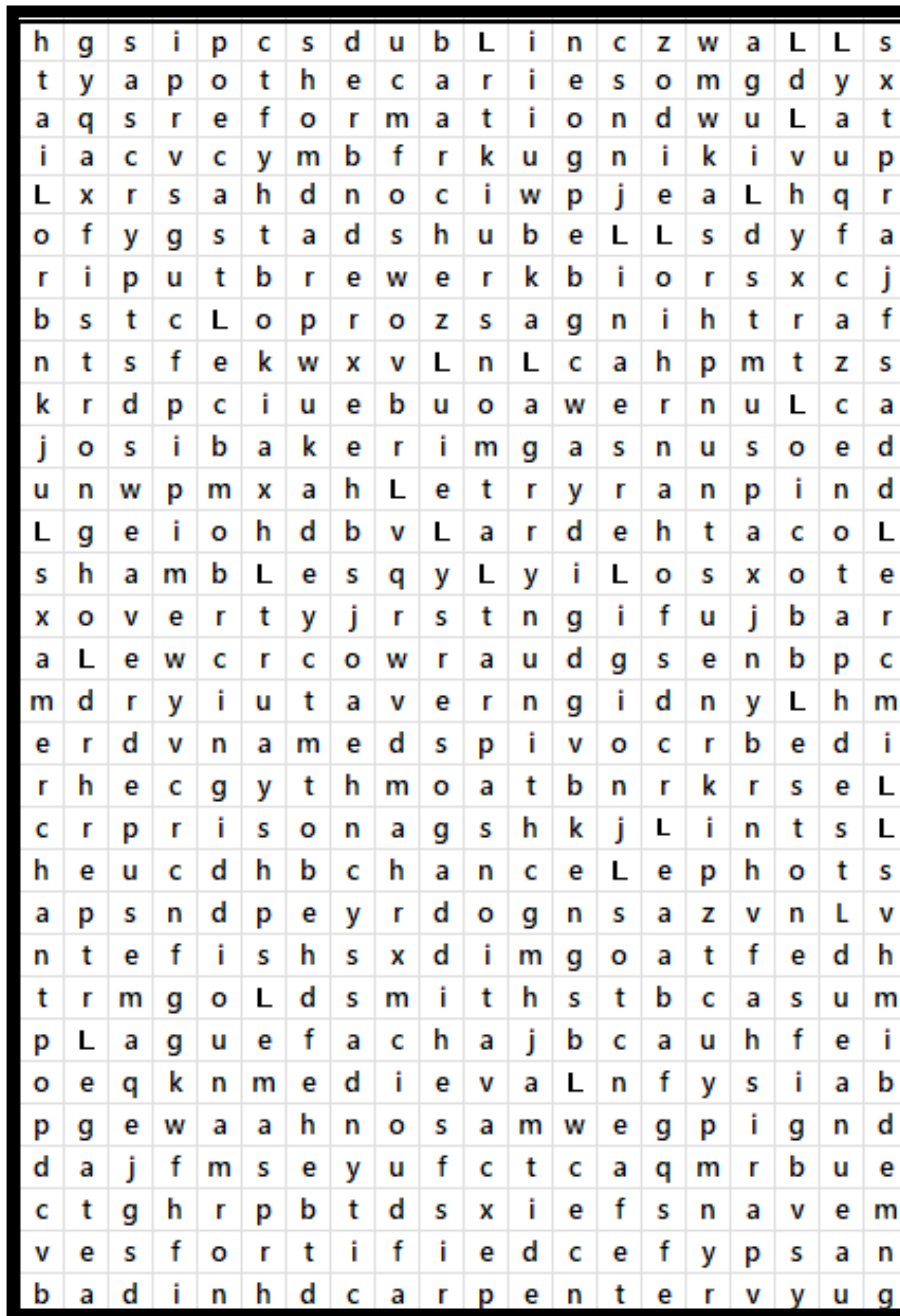


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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Study of excavating sites and studying found objects. (11) 3. Person involved in trade, especially buying and selling. (8) 5. Person who manufactures beer. (6) 7. Contagious disease that killed half of medieval Dublin. (6) 9. Medieval building with thick walls, moat and towers. (6) 10. Hollow metal object that sounds a note when struck. (4) 11. Building in which to hold people as punishment. (6) 13. Curved opening in city walls, usually with gate. (4) 15. Person whose job it is to make clothes. (6) 17. People from Norway who founded Dublin. (7) 19. People whose job is to make bread daily. (6) 20. Person skilled in cutting stone for building. (5) 21. Narrow road between buildings in medieval Dublin. (4) 22. Tall narrow building, either circular or square. (5) 24. Man who serves his lord as a mounted soldier in armour. (6) 25. Pots or tiles made from clay hardened by heat. (7) 27. Inn or pub. (6) 28. Person who creates fabric from threads and yarn. (6) | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Building occupied by a community of monks or nuns. (5) 2. Beads made of this were used for trading. (5) 3. Water that surrounds and protects a castle. (4) 4. People who conquered Dublin in 1170. (7) 6. Deep hole for extraction of ground water. (4) 7. Small religious district with a church and priest. (6) 8. Dig the soil and record the finds. (8) 10. Structure that carries a road over a river. (6) 12. Norman knight who captured Waterford and Dublin in 1170. (9) 14. System of belief in god or gods. (8) 16. Stone platforms alongside river used to load and unload boats. (5) 18. Medieval association of craftsmen or merchants. (5) 20. Regular gathering of people buying and selling food and animals. (6) 23. The Liffey or Poddle for example. (5) 25. Small domestic animal with soft fur, good mouse catcher. (3) 26. Domestic animal that gives meat, milk and leather. (3) |
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Medieval Word search



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| altar | cenotaph | fortified | nave | river |
| apothecaries | chancel | gate | Norman | saddler |
| arch | city | goat | parish | shambles |
| archaeology | cobblestones | goldsmith | pig | stronghold |
| baker | cow | guild | plague | tailor |
| bells | crypt | mason | prison | tavern |
| brewer | Dublin | medieval | purgatory | tower |
| carpenter | excavation | merchant | quay | Viking |
| castle | farthing | mills | reformation | walls |
| cathedral | fish | moat | religion | weaver |

The Seal of St Anne's Guild

A Seal was used to create an imprint on a blob of wax. The wax seal was attached to documents as a form of identification in medieval times, a way of proving that the document was genuine. People or organisations had their own unique seals.

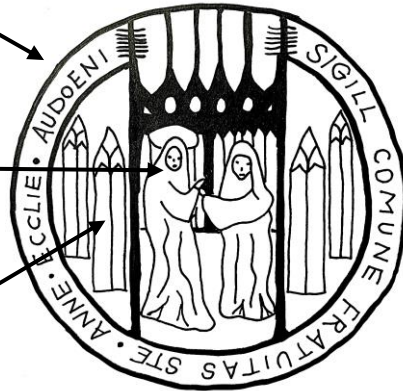
St Anne's Guild was a lay religious guild whose mission it was to help people's souls get into heaven after death. They believed that if they offered masses for people after death, this would speed their journey through purgatory into heaven. They owned a large amount of property in Dublin and they used the rents to support chaplains and altars in St Audoen's. When St Anne's seal was attached to a deed, it proved that the deed was authentic.

This was the seal of St Anne's Guild

The Latin inscription reads:
The common seal of the Fraternity of St Anne of the church of St Audoen

The taller figure with the halo is St Anne and the smaller is her daughter, the Blessed Virgin Mary. They are shown holding hands. They are wearing flowing clothes and head coverings that were typical of medieval women.

In the background we see four windows from St Audoen's church



Design your own seal

What elements are important to you?

