

7 Our Special Saint

St Etheldreda started the first monastery in Ely in 673AD. Her shrine (tomb) stood here until it was destroyed 500 years ago.



Look at all the stone tombs - which is your favourite?

6 Quire or Choir?

Although spelt differently, quire and choir mean the same thing. Can you see where the choir sings? Most of the choir stalls were made over 650 years ago!



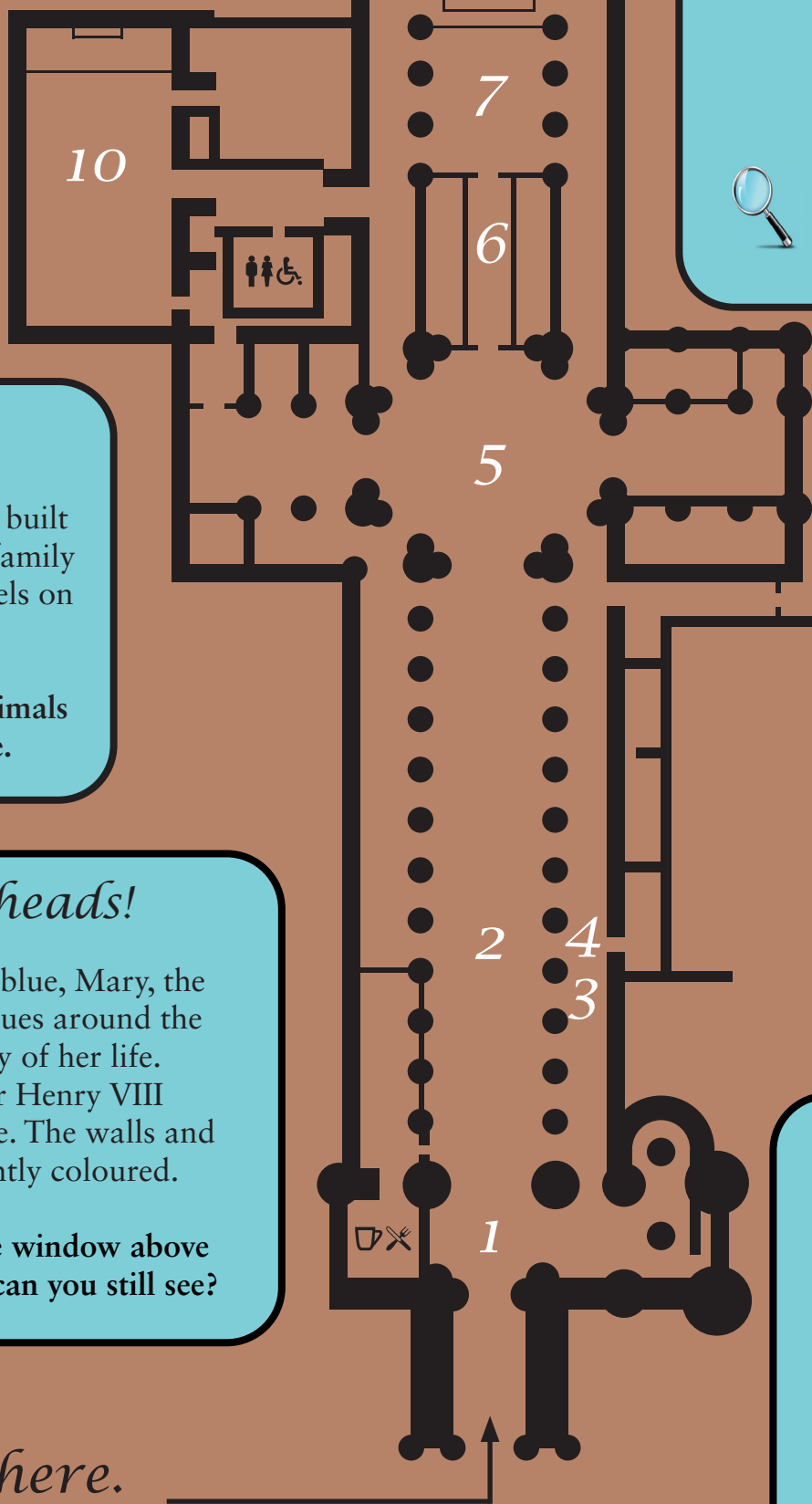
Find animals and other objects made from wood and metal here.

8 Princess to Abbess

The statue here is of St Etheldreda. She was an Anglo-Saxon princess, but wanted to be a nun. She became the Abbess of Ely.



Light a candle for you and people special to you.



5 Wonder of the world

This 52m high Octagon Tower is a medieval wonder of the world. The painted lantern is made from eight huge tree trunks in a wooden frame. Feel free to lie on the floor to look up!



How many sides has this tower got? What is this shape called?

9 Chicken Coop

Bishop Alcock had a chapel built here for when he died. His family crest (symbol) had 3 cockerels on it.



Find cockerels and other animals made of stone, glass and tile.

4 Funny Figures

The Prior was the head monk. His important guests entered by this door. Go down the steps and look at the outside of the Prior's Door, you'll find lots of carved pictures.



Can you spot the rowers in a boat? They seem to be rowing in opposite directions!

10 Off with their heads!

Can you spot the lady in blue, Mary, the mother of Jesus? The statues around the walls used to tell the story of her life. They were beheaded after Henry VIII closed the monastery here. The walls and windows used to be brightly coloured.



Look at the walls and the window above the door - what colours can you still see?



3 Rainbow Windows

Most of Ely's brightly coloured stained glass windows were put in over 150 years ago when Queen Victoria was on the throne. They often tell stories from the Bible.



Can you find the animals going into the ark in a stained glass window? What is the name of the hero in this Bible story?

*The Trail starts here.
Have fun exploring!*

1 Loopy Labyrinth!

Labyrinths are like mazes but with no dead ends. In Ely, the labyrinth has been cleverly designed so that the distance to the middle is the same as the height of the tower above (66m).



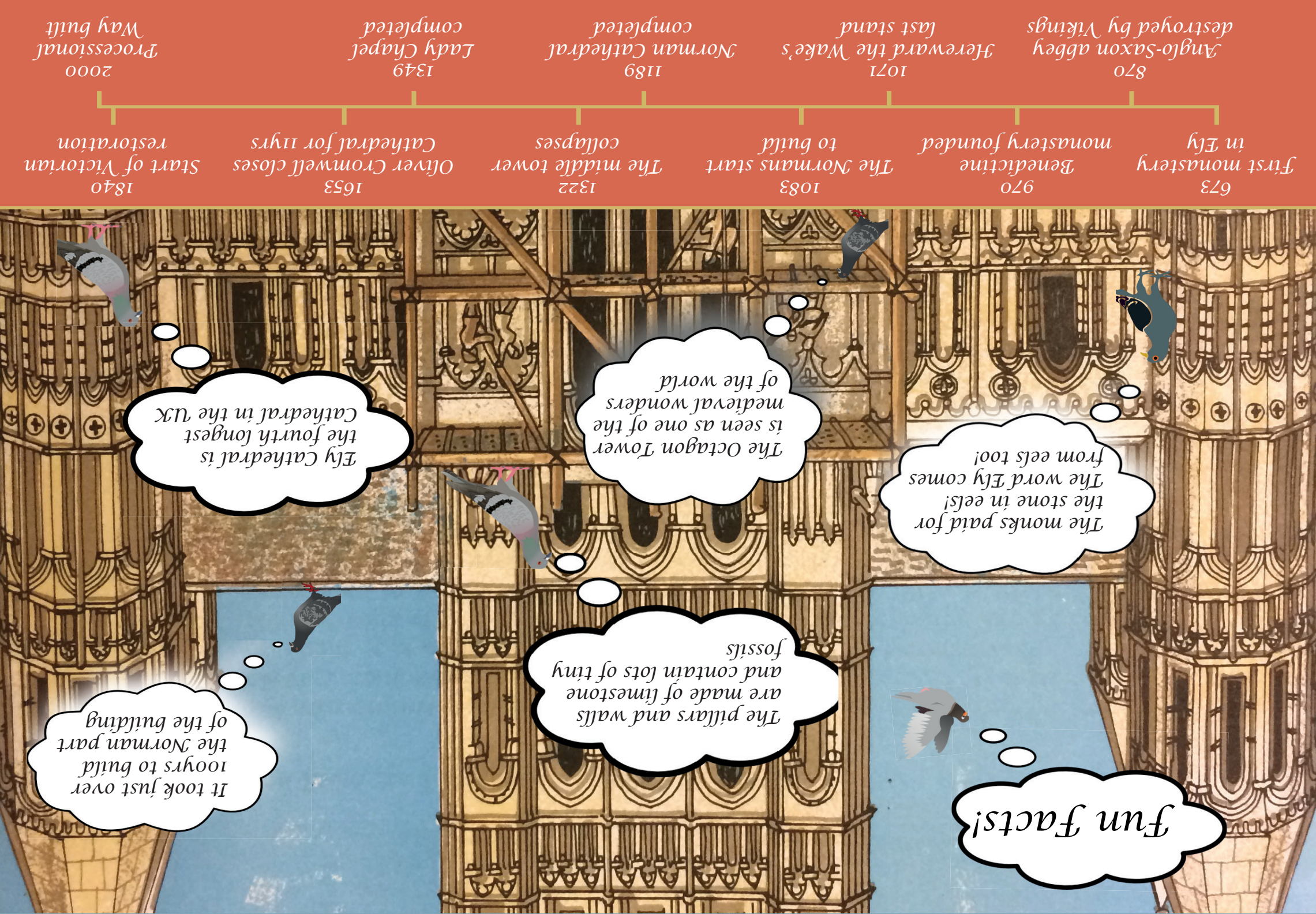
Walk the labyrinth slowly and keep in the lines - don't worry, you can't get lost!

2 Enormous Nave

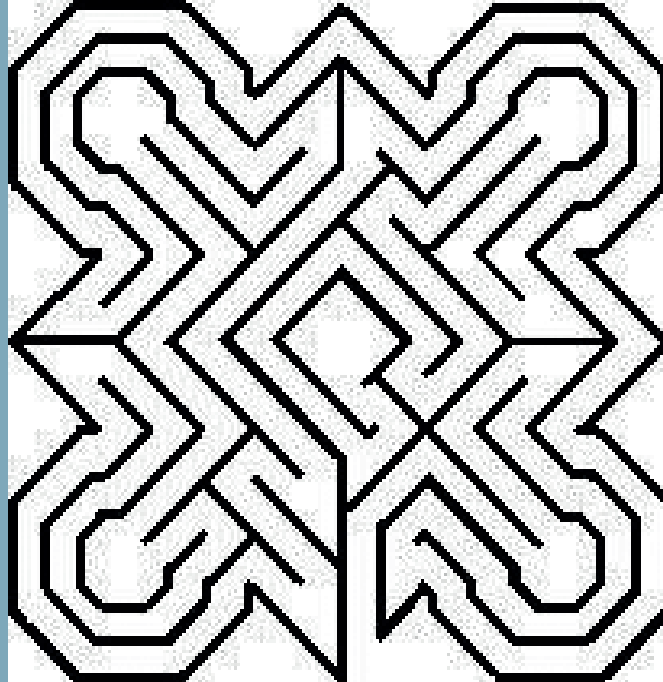
The longest part of the Cathedral is called the Nave which means ship. Look up at the ceiling. Do you think it looks like an upside down ship?



Look up at the ceiling - can you find Mary and baby Jesus in a stable?



673 First monastery in Ely
870 Anglo-Saxon abbey destroyed by Vikings
1071 Hereward the Wake's last stand
1189 Norman Cathedral completed
1349 Lady Chapel completed
2000 Processional Way built
970 Benedictine monastery founded
1083 The Normans start to build
1322 The middle tower collapses
1653 Oliver Cromwell closes Cathedral for 11 yrs
1840 Start of Victorian restoration



The Labyrinth
Find the start of the labyrinth and follow the path to the centre



Explorer's Trail



*We hope you have enjoyed your day!
What did you like best?*

