



Across

- 7 English astronomer who used Newton's laws of motion to predict the period of a comet (1656-1742) (6)
- 8 Prolific British baroque composer (born in Germany) remembered best for his oratorio Messiah (1685-1759) (6)
- 9 Characterized by minimal distortion in sound reproduction (2-2)
- 10 Seller of shoddy goods (8)
- 11 Act of retaining something (7)
- 13 Male friend from your neighbourhood (5)
- 15 An auxiliary activity (5)
- 17 English soldier killed in a rebellion against Henry IV (1364-1403) (7)
- 20 Town in northeast Missouri on the Mississippi River; boyhood home of Mark Twain (8)
- 21 Large fishing port in northeastern England (4)
- 23 Norwegian writer of novels (1859-1952) (6)
- 24 Hero of William Shakespeare's tragedy who hoped to avenge the murder of his father (6)

Down

- 1 Sages who visited Jesus and Mary and Joseph shortly after Jesus was born; the Gospel (4)
- 2 United in a confederacy or league (6)
- 3 Large Old World tropical snakes that kill prey by squeezing them (7)
- 4 Earless seals (5)
- 5 Agency of the United Nations that promotes education and communication and the arts (6)
- 6 Festival in honour of the Eucharist: Corpus Christi (4-4)
- 12 Odorous gum resin formerly used in medicines (8)
- 14 Muslims learned in theology and law (7)
- 16 Expel from a community or group (6)
- 18 Elaborate and systematic plan of action (6)
- 19 Tropical tree of southern Asia having hard dark-coloured heartwood used in cabinetwork (5)
- 22 Post or function properly or customarily occupied or served by another (4)