



ACROSS

- 1 Traveller, on returning, cracked (5)
- 4 Unexpectedly cheers up, going round Lake (a gloomy place) (9)
- 9 Legal document limiting Bill and Mark (9)
- 10 Engages in flogging, we hear, in monastic residences (5)
- 11 Recalled argument linked to vessel's purpose in service (7)
- 13 New minister gives message first off in Early English (7)
- 14 Latin sadly mistranslated, limiting salvationists in church festival (3,6,3)
- 18 Struggling in cheap booth, hating new machinery (12)
- 21 Sermon? Loud noise ignored in service for 13 (7)
- 23 Note especially energy and strength linked to Biblical vessel (7)
- 24 Overseas holy woman, who visits every December? (5)
- 25 Unusual case, with no sin, gets journey to Heaven (9)
- 27 The officer leading spirited religious government (9)
- 28 Birds occupying another nest (5)

DOWN

- 1 Tire after embrace? It's a distinguishing feature of vicars! (8)
- 2 Exclamation about English brew of lager lacking fullness (8)
- 3 Girlfriend, say, concealing fluttering heart – an indication of how quickly things will end? (5-4)
- 4 Pose second irritating problem that's ignored by church (3)
- 5 Minister's appreciation of wine and some chicken (7,4)
- 6 Fortune reduced by one old penny? That's very clear (5)
- 7 Roman saint – he mostly led an uprising (6)
- 8 A tree's made to look fancy for religious festival (6)
- 12 Religious leader strewing chapel with manna (7,4)
- 15 Notice this place – pleasant but not one suggesting religious commitment (9)
- 16 Old boy left a ring in can as an offering (8)
- 17 It takes top man in Civil Service to give dismissals (8)
- 19 County staff turned up prepared (6)
- 20 Uncle's in difficulty catching a fish (6)
- 22 Potential sacrificial victim is alarmed and cautious, initially (5)
- 26 Odd bits of curry will make you weep (3)