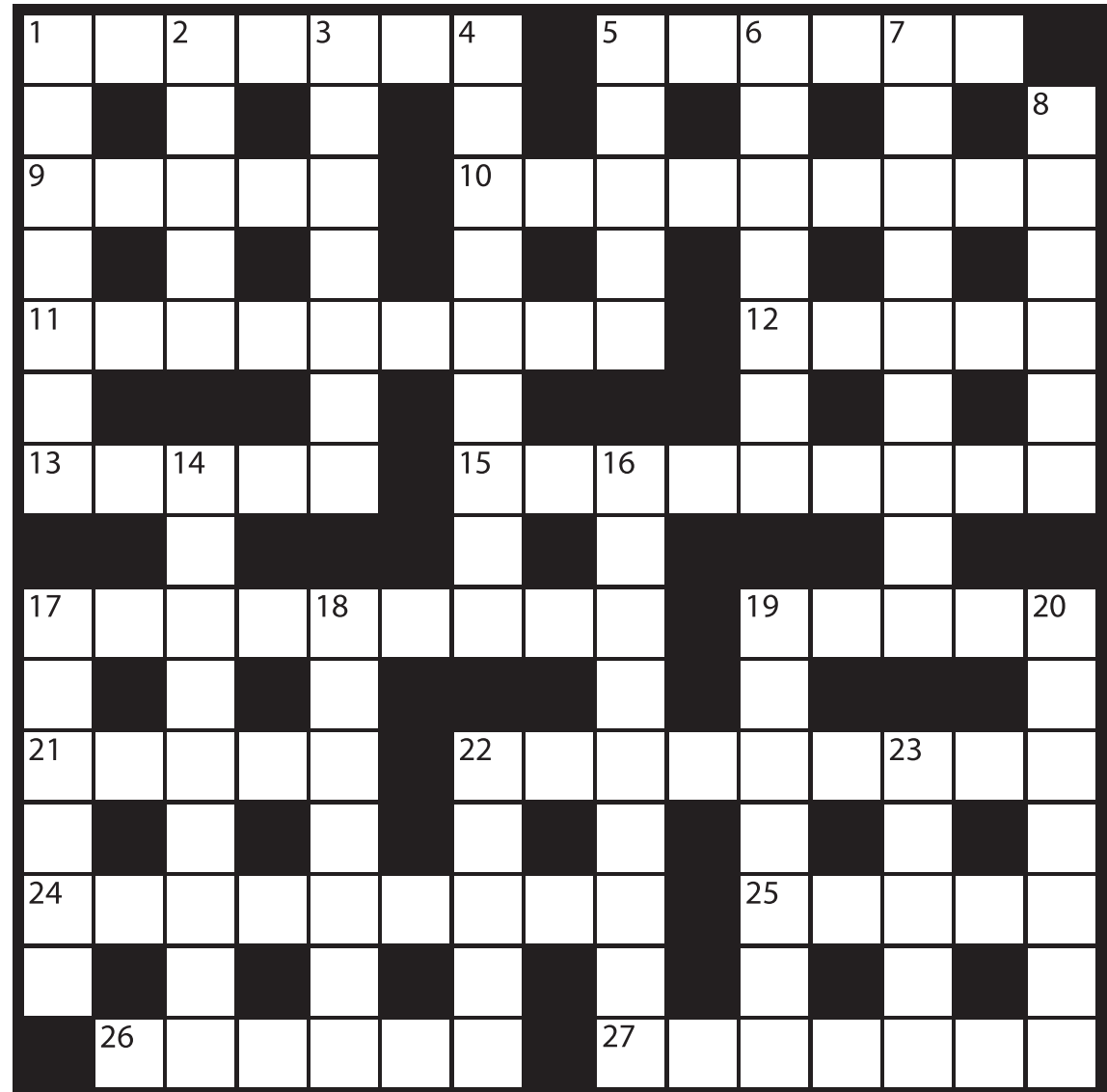


ACROSS

- 1 Futile having to save more? (7)
- 5 Parish priest takes stick about vermin (6)
- 9 Rocky peak traps one boy (5)
- 10 Statement of regret offered for a loose pig out of control (9)
- 11 Missing, having pocketed vessel, but not drinking (9)
- 12 The setter's subject (5)
- 13 Bearing prickly thorn (5)
- 15 Moves abroad to Arab states, good to enter (9)
- 17 One inheriting finds prosperity with gold (9)
- 19 In favour of the church gaining power (5)
- 21 Revolving blade going backwards and forwards (5)
- 22 Live with revolutionary he'd pledged to marry (9)
- 24 Space made for animal – sacrificial lamb? (9)
- 25 Become hard in river (5)
- 26 Draw from piece of comedy (6)
- 27 Despair! Soiled nappies (7)

DOWN

- 1 For a bit of lunch, ain't free (7)
- 2 Cut up manuscript for tests (5)
- 3 Shingle breaking from some UK shores (7)
- 4 Quiet needed for sleep as disrupted and irregular (9)
- 5 Influence a big hit (5)
- 6 Cockerel's list of duties involving duck (7)
- 7 Term's rite abandoned for the academic session (9)
- 8 Idiots point to judge (6)
- 14 People to follow to Ascot, perhaps (9)



- 16 Dire trait exposed, so annoyed (9)
- 17 Emphasise the pressure (6)
- 18 Serious Eastern disaster (7)
- 19 US state got rid of AI, perhaps? (7)
- 20 Purpose not so unceasing (7)
- 22 Sibling lacks hesitation getting soup (5)
- 23 Home of bingo (5)