

**ACROSS**

- 1 Follow churchman and opposition politician (6,8)  
 9 Listen to team's leader with compassion (5)  
 10 Novelist with instrument, fish about to return (6,3)  
 11 Hiker runs with walker (7)  
 12 Natural environment where Tabitha astray (7)  
 13 No holding five or many sailors (4)  
 14 Old city copper should open film (9)  
 18 Shop worker in mall rigs elastic the wrong way (9)  
 20 Bad to exist the wrong way (4)  
 22 Terribly rude, he's escorted to his seat (7)  
 25 Table of mixed-up letters (7)  
 26 Progressing – in years, perhaps (7,2)  
 27 Skilful type taped mistakenly (5)  
 28 No end of furniture and smart clothes (5-5,4)

**DOWN**

- 1 Desert hospital a girl goes round (6)  
 2 Come to signal! (5,4)  
 3 Show superiority in sport, not in drama (7)  
 4 I am harsh, I upset spiritual leader (9)  
 5 Point in question, or theory (5)  
 6 Fizzy drink's ready and contains healing plant (7)  
 7 Crystal Celine holds up in elaborate display (5)  
 8 It's most orderly to dine in the home (7)  
 15 Arthur's beginning to upset Lancelot without warning (3,2,4)  
 16 Liqueur sorted out a neurotic (9)

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- 17 Relieve pain of donkey with terrible ague (7)  
 19 Religious ceremony seen on the tennis court? (7)  
 20 Leave out the empty lift (7)  
 21 Instruction to drummer to get lost! (4,2)  
 23 Type of knot proving snag (5)  
 24 Produce reluctantly at end of excavation (3,2)