

ACROSS

- 1 Petty, piffling (6)
- 4 Bushy plant of the mint family (6)
- 9 Circular (7)
- 10 Author of 'Ode to a Nightingale' (5)
- 11 Jumped (5)
- 12 Intercede (7)
- 13 ___ rarebit, cheese on toast (5)
- 15 Burn with water (5)
- 20 Generally supposed (7)
- 22 'While Shepherds
Watched ___ Flocks', Christmas
carol (5)
- 24 Founded (5)
- 25 Thrills, arouses (7)
- 26 Most senior (6)
- 27 McCartney's songwriting
partner (6)

DOWN

- 1 Moves stealthily (6)
- 2 Egypt's neighbour (5)
- 3 Spins (7)
- 5 Coupled, linked (5)
- 6 Coastal barrier (3,4)
- 7 Sent, mailed (6)
- 8 Part of a fire (5)
- 14 Vulnerable (7)
- 16 Part of a fingernail (7)
- 17 Boy's voice (6)
- 18 Stranger (5)
- 19 Place to house criminals (6)
- 21 Ocean movements (5)
- 23 Ben ___, 'Blackadder' writer (5)

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