

## ACROSS

- 7** Get by, cope (6)  
**8** Swear in as a minister (6)  
**9** Sole (4)  
**10** Excavation (3)  
**11** Prayer's confirming word (4)  
**12** Drunken daze (6)  
**14** Failing in one's duty (6)  
**16** Fish-eating bird (6)  
**19** Speak indistinctly (6)  
**21** Verse composition (4)  
**23** Succour (3)  
**24** Actor's character (4)  
**25** Smokestack (6)  
**26** Add spices (6)

## DOWN

- 1** Bird famed for its ability to eat quickly (6)  
**2** A large number of (4)  
**3** Metal fabricator (6)  
**4** Boarder (6)  
**5** Thought generated in the mind (4)  
**6** Large streams (6)  
**13** Benchmark golf score (3)  
**15** Keep \_\_\_\_, remain silent (3)  
**17** Cram for exams (4,2)  
**18** Annually (6)  
**19** Mythical snake-haired Gorgon (6)  
**20** Bound along clumsily (6)  
**22** Chewing gum flavour (4)  
**24** *Abbey* \_\_\_\_, Beatles album (4)

