

ACROSS

- 1 Absorb, assimilate (6)
- 4 Chinks (6)
- 9 Crying (2,5)
- 10 Malediction (5)
- 11 Bring up, raise (4)
- 12 Not common (7)
- 14 Springtime Christian festival (6)
- 16 Allocate (a job or duty) (6)
- 19 Device for keeping foods chilled (4,3)
- 21 Interlaced structure (4)
- 23 ___ Waters, blues singer (5)
- 24 Lean and skinny (7)
- 25 Pressure, coercion (6)
- 26 Said (6)

DOWN

- 1 ___ Murdoch, British novelist (4)
- 2 Lath supports (7)
- 3 Eric ____, real name of George Orwell (5)
- 5 Gets back (losses) (7)
- 6 Greek holiday island (5)
- 7 UK currency (8)
- 8 Point of discussion (5)
- 13 Admitted willingly (8)
- 15 Unborn organisms (7)
- 17 Wise perception (7)
- 18 Live (5)
- 20 More strange (5)
- 21 Deserve, earn (5)
- 22 Tinted (4)

