ACROSS

- 1 Type of prayer (6)
- 4 Purify (a liquid) (6)
- 9 Female US pop star (7)
- **10** Bouncy, bubbly (5)
- **11** Stratum (5)
- **12** More cumbersome (7)
- **13** Smacks (5)
- **15** Girl's name and month (5)
- 20 Black water-bird (7)
- 22 ____ candle, firework (5)
- 24 Dessert (5)
- 25 Long dead (species) (7)
- 26 Reaping implement (6)
- 27 Moved (forward) slowly (6)

DOWN

- 1 Slackly, droopily (6)
- 2 Radio 4 news programme (5)
- **3** Of paint, less runny (3-4)
- **5** Urge on (5)
- 6 End-of-route stations (7)
- 7 Tiers (6)
- 8 Sheep's offspring (5)
- **14** Vaguely (7)
- **16** Follower of an austere faith (7)
- **17** Delights, entertains (6)
- **18** Leg joints (5)
- **19** Leeds ____, football club (6)
- 21 Rabbit house (5)
- 23 Chew steadily (5)

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