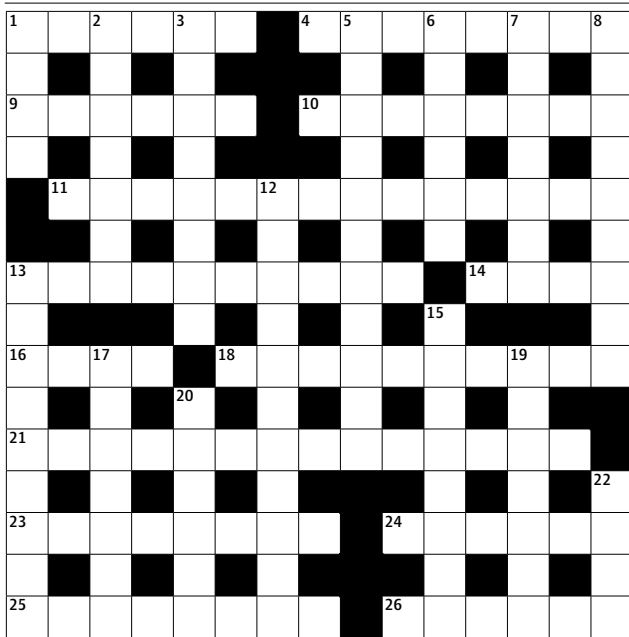


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,003 set by Pasquale

Anniversary puzzle for a time of change

Across

- 1 Name of female officer in charge at cathedral (6)
- 4 Mates – the type to engage in fiddles (8)
- 9 Like a certain king or queen somewhere in London, you'd say (6)
- 10 Goon the reverse of excellent for the Church (8)
- 11 Last words of 21? Others weep with him, I fancy (3,2,3,6)
- 13 Fringe benefit for each is brought in fairly (10)
- 14 American city that has French artist but no Irish (4)
- 16 Newspaper editor's prime passion (4)
- 18 It's put into effect with penetrating article (10)
- 21 See May's man get off high tree with difficulty (6,3,5)
- 23 Jars may be drunk after broadcast (8)
- 24 Seat chucked in the auditorium (6)
- 25 Fellow is locked in shed? He's unlikely to pray (8)
- 26 What sounds like region down below barrier (6)

Down

- 1 Church member arrested according to report (4)
- 2 Sri Lanka affair producing outcry (7)

- 3 Large? Then it's bad place for one to enter! (8)
- 5 After men box, get judge to score (11)
- 6 Woman, see, wanting head removed! (6)
- 7 Rest, half of that being lost with bad feeling (7)
- 8 Call to have a leftie imprisoned not restricted to one person (6,3)
- 12 Occasions when many top performers get dismissed? Try strike action maybe (4,7)
- 13 Chunk of words – the normal amount to accompany a diagram (9)
- 15 Fairy's the female mischief-maker (8)
- 17 Drink and drive? Stuff that! (7)
- 19 A degree of disorder that makes part of infirmary poor (7)
- 20 Like language coming from drunk arguing, not good (6)
- 22 Adam, blessed originally with garden, falling short (4)

Solution No. 25,002

