

# FROM THE ARCHIVE

## 50 years ago

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The general distress that is felt at Charles Davis's leaving the Church is naturally felt in a particular manner by those who like myself [Cornelius Ernst OP] knew him personally ... I had the impression of a man driven to desperation by tensions which he had been unable to contain, tensions which many of us share in our measure today. But tensions are not appropriately resolved by suppressing one of the poles of tension. Our task as institutional Christians is to make the tensions creative, or (let me say it) allow God to make

them so in ourselves. Why should we expect anything else of the Christianity we have received from the Church? But let me leave the last word to Charles Davis himself: "Often a long time must elapse before Christians themselves learn how to present the Gospel effectively in a particular environment. Why, then, the constant surprise at the ups and downs of Church history? What is asked of Christians is faithfulness to their mission. They can leave the determination of visible results to God."

## 100 years ago

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Suddenly what seemed like a dark line of shadow was seen on the hillside, broken here and there with white specks, which shone out bright in the morning light. The soldiers watched the line grow larger as it drew near. It was the people of the village approaching. They understood ... that the priest-soldier was unable to go to them. They were therefore coming to him. Young and old had set out to act as escort to the first communicants and the little girls in white. An altar was quickly improvised, round which the people,

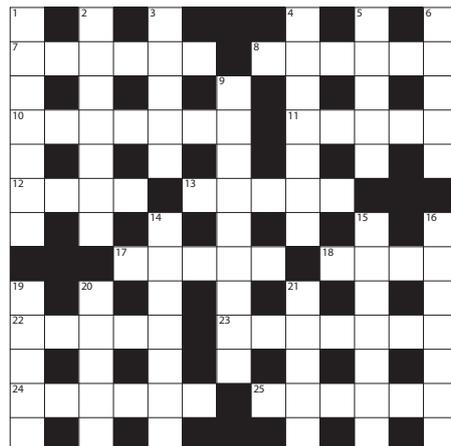
children, and soldiers gathered. Quickly the priest-soldier vested and began the Mass. After the Gospel, he said a few words to the children, and a little later, in the midst of a hush broken only by the distant growl of the cannon, distributed Holy Communion in the presence of the kneeling throng of officers and soldiers. Then, the children's thanksgiving over, the priest-soldier slung his knapsack, and a little later, their hearts full of the scene they had witnessed, the soldiers formed up and marched off to the trenches.

# PUZZLES

### PRIZE CROSSWORD No. 540 | Alanus

#### Across

- 7 Formlessness in society through breakdown of norms and rules (6)
- 8 Native of bordering neighbour of 15 Down (6)
- 10 Order founded in tenth-century Burgundy with many priories in England once (7)
- 11 Saint and priest uncle of St Winefride, instrumental in her mission (5)
- 12 Verdi opera set in Egypt (4)
- 13 Nature of the frost in King Wenceslas carol (5)
- 17 Brendan, major Irish literary figure, famous for his play *The Quare Fellow* (5)
- 18 San Paolo fuori le ----, basilica in Rome built over St Paul's tomb (4)
- 22 Father of the prophet Hosea (5)
- 23 Catholic author of *The Hobbit* and *The Silmarillion* (7)
- 24 Money distributed to the poor on the first day of the Triduum (6)
- 25 British fifth-century saint and bishop, "Apostle of the Picts" (6)



#### Down

- 1 Saint and ninth-century pope [1] succeeded Stephen IV (7)
- 2 Circular building usually with a dome such as the Pantheon in Rome (7)
- 3 "----- *Obstal*", "nothing hinders", permission to publish an R.C. textbook (5)
- 4 Instrument to accompany the praise of God in Psalm 150 (7)

- 5 Persian King who released the Exiles from Babylon (5)
- 6 A hair band, once worn by women in Scotland to indicate virginity (5)
- 9 Italian composer of sonatas, a *Salve Regina* and a *Stabat Mater*, born same year as Handel (9)
- 14 ----- Cratchit, character in Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* (7)
- 15 Country where Roman Carthage was formerly located (7)
- 16 Former cardinal and Archbishop of Westminster (7)
- 19 Forty-fourth president of the USA (5)
- 20 "----- *Latina*", reference to the Bibles in Latin prior to St Jerome's "Vulgate" (5)
- 21 Stephen, Count of -----, became in 1135 King of England (7)

#### Please send your answers to:

**Crossword Competition 7 January**  
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Please include your full name, telephone number and email address, and a mailing address. Three books – on Augustine, Christianity and Thomas Aquinas – from the OUP's Very Short Introduction series will go to the sender of the first correct entry drawn at random on Friday 20 January.

● The answers to this week's puzzles and the crossword winner's name will appear in the 28 January issue.

#### Solution to the 3 December crossword No. 538

**Across:** 7 Shrove Tuesday; 8 Abba; 9 Elements; 10 Paisley; 11 Edrei; 13 Sibyl; 15 Templar; 18 Cuthbert; 19 Ulua; 20 Teresa of Avila.

**Down:** 1 The Beatitudes; 2 Romans; 3 Demeter; 4 Judea; 5 Ascend; 6 Matthew Arnold; 12 Beatify; 14 Yahweh; 16 Pius VI; 17 Merab.

**Winner:** Helen Granger, of Kensington, west London.

### SUDOKU | Moderate

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Solution to the 3 December puzzle  
Solutions to the 10 December puzzles and to the Jumbo crossword and the sudoku in the Christmas triple issue are on page 30

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