

## FROM THE ARCHIVE

### 50 years ago

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**M**uch has been written about the individual conscience both as regards contraception and the acceptance of the encyclical [*Humanae Vitae*] ... As Christians we know that we must always act with what present light we may have, but we know also that there is for us ... a course of action entirely in harmony with God's will for us as individuals ("Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven"). This we may fail to see here and now through ignorance, carelessness,

education, emotion, present or past moral failing. But Christians, and above all Catholics, know that they have in grave matters of belief and morals a wholly reliable yardstick, agreement with the teaching of the Church ("I believe whatsoever else the Church proposes to be believed"). To follow that is never to renounce true reason, though it may sometimes imply transcending the conclusion to which our own reasoning has apparently brought us.

### 100 years ago

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**W**ednesday's papers contained the announcement that by Monday evening [General Allenby's] cavalry had made their way and established themselves on the north, west, and south of the city of Damascus. During the day's advance 1,000 prisoners and five guns were taken. To this a French paper added the detail that we were within two miles of the place, the fall of which was expected at any moment, and that French cavalry were advancing on

Beyrut. The fall of the historic city of Damascus soon followed, for on Monday evening it was entered by troops of the Australian Mounted Division; and at six o'clock next morning the city was occupied by a British force and some Arab troops. Over 7,000 prisoners were captured. But only a few ... guards were left, the rest of our troops being withdrawn, and the responsibility for its administration left temporarily in the hands of the local authorities.

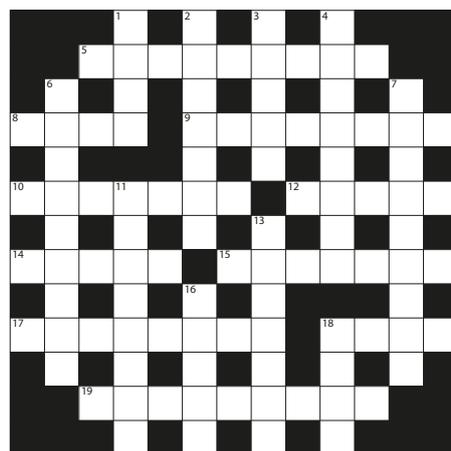
## PUZZLES

### PRIZE CROSSWORD

No. 628 | Axe

#### Across

- 5 Biblical commandments of Moses (9)
- 8 Grandson of Leah, son of Judah (4)
- 9 Aramaic speaker of Babylonia, like Abraham (8)
- 10 Saint, protomartyr of Spain (7)
- 12 Edomite who harassed Solomon (5)
- 14 Form of some of the earliest New Testament manuscripts (5)
- 15 First year's benefits of an ecclesiastical benefice, paid to the Papal curia (7)
- 17 Name of nine popes between 418 and 1404 (8)
- 18 Hebrew word meaning "so let it be" (4)
- 19 Charitable or helpful person, from the parable in Luke (9)



#### Down

- 1 Title given to the head of the College of Cardinals (4)
- 2 "... when [Michal] ... saw King David ----- and playing, the sight of him filled her with contempt" [1 Chronicles/TJB] (7)
- 3 Birthplace of Samson (5)
- 4 Sikh place of worship (8)
- 6 Unconsecrated bread remaining after the Eucharistic Liturgy in the Orthodox Church (9)
- 7 Son of Rehob, king of Zobah, defeated by David (9)

- 11 Sacerdotal (8)
- 13 Divine, pure and lovely (7)
- 16 Commander of Deborah's army (5)
- 18 Amalekite king defeated by Saul, executed by Samuel (4)

#### Please send your answers to:

Crossword Competition 6 October  
 The Tablet, 1 King Street Cloisters, Clifton Walk, London W6 0GY.  
 Please include your full name, telephone number and email address, and a mailing address. Three books – on Paul, Theology and Christian Ethics – from the OUP's Very Short Introduction series will go to the sender of the first correct entry drawn at random on Friday 19 October.

● The answers to this week's puzzles and the crossword winner's name will appear in the 27 October issue.

#### Solution to the 15 September crossword No. 625

**Across:** 5 Beethoven; 8 Tantra; 9 Olivet; 10 Ramadan; 12 Rahab; 14 Herod; 15 Mozetta; 17 Kenite; 18 Canaan; 20 Samaritan.

**Down:** 1 Lent; 2 Ithamar; 3 Sodom; 4 Celibate; 6 Hadadezer; 7 Sebastian; 11 Adonijah; 13 Joachim; 16 Merab; 19 Noah.

**Winner:** No correct entries were received.

### SUDOKU | Moderate

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Solution to the 15 September puzzle

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