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Nineteen hundred and sixty-eight will go down in the history books as one of the most eventful in the life of the Church. It is tempting to see last August as the watershed, with strong currents divided from then onwards by *Humanae Vitae*. Would these carry the faithful in different directions and out of call? Humanly speaking, it looked like it. But it is nonsense to talk in human terms of the Church. There has ever been a humanly catastrophic element in her way of living – and a

divine salvific principle. Divided counsel, tension and crisis do not necessarily spell disruption. They may well be the prelude to a deeper self-knowledge and a more realistic spirit than went before. If timidity should stifle these possibilities of growth, then indeed we are in a bad way. If the prophets of doom would really look hard at the life of the Church in this past twelve months, they would find resilience and resourcefulness and widespread concern for her well-being.

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Mr Lloyd George may be congratulated on having won a victory at the polls which is without parallel in the history of the country. It has been called a khaki election – and in a sense that is quite true. To their eternal honour, the people have judged the competing candidates not by their promises on the hustings, but by their record in the war. The result is, in the first place, a vote of confidence in the Prime Minister, a vote of

confidence in the man who, by an impatient gesture, took the reins of power from the fumbling fingers of Mr Asquith, and translated a policy of drift and “wait and see” into one of action and audacity. But we shall best understand the motives which made so many men and women crowd to the polls to support the Coalition if we note the fate which overtook each and every member of the Pacifist group in the late Parliament. Not one escaped.

PUZZLES

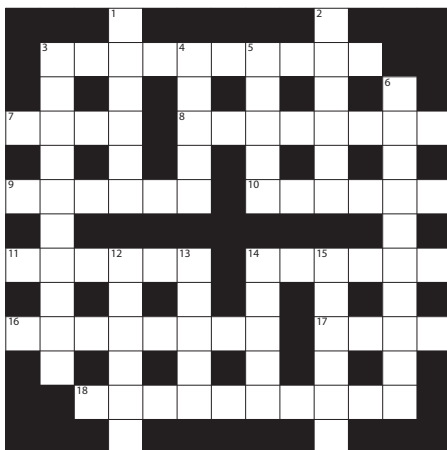
PRIZE CROSSWORD
No. 639 | Axe

Across

- 3 Movement's heretical first pamphlet (10)
- 7 Road needed to outflank theologian son of Elam (4)
- 8 Hail this on radio, perhaps: Welsh lake hotel's occult secret involving 5s (8)
- 9 Hindu god needs degree of backing hourly in the beginning ... (6)
- 10 ... Lakshmi, for instance, is currently on a clear up (6)
- 11 Fateful, being caught by Gavaskar, Michael! (6)
- 14 Sanctimonious 15 old witch turned somewhere near Jericho (6)
- 16 Rebellious lip first kid (among half a dozen) gives a Russian holy man (8)
- 17 Issue for Noah, son needing skirt (4)
- 18 A brute's aim hit, and he was blind (10)

Down

- 1 Islamic leader, head of clan superior to Muslim Polish extremists (6)
- 2 Book is abridged to help one of fifty sisters in Greece (6)
- 3 Temple where a celebrant is abused (10)



- 4 Town Rehoboam built in a kind of plantation is a knockout (5)
- 5 Spiritual leader's pet gets a trim (5)
- 6 Landing in Crete for Paul made fear vanish (4,6)
- 12 Son of Abraham and Keturah – middle one, not Egyptian (6)
- 13 Time to show up before the “Star” of the Magi, perhaps (5)
- 14 Jewish festival's acceptable – perhaps to be a Puritan's got round! (5)
- 15 She has a ward to look after; she needs order in her life (6)

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Crossword Competition 5 January
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● The answers to this week's puzzles and the crossword winner's name will appear in the 26 January issue.

Solution to the 8 December crossword No. 637

Across: 5 Proselytic, 6 Libera me, 7 Nebo, 9 Cyrus, 11 En-Dor, 12 Lydda, 14 Manna, 15 Nave, 16 Agnostic, 18 Gethsemane.

Down: 1 More, 2 Cedars, 3 Cyrene, 4 Lion's den, 5 Priscilla, 8 Barnabite, 10 Redeemed, 13 Agatha, 14 Manger, 17 Star.

Winner: Mr John Woodhouse, of South Norwood, London.

Solution to the 15 December crossword No. 638

Across: 1 Adrian; 5 Moses; 8 Jamie; 9 Tennant; 10 Nine; 11 Bahraini; 13 Scone; 14 Harry; 19 Sheridan; 21 Amyl; 23 Isidore; 24 Adare; 25 Hythe; 26 Sparta. Down: 2 Dominic; 3 Illex; 4 Nathan; 5 Mondrian; 6 Stasi; 7 Sitric; 8 Jane; 12 Antigone; 15 Rampant; 16 Isaiah; 17 Havers; 18 Klee; 20 Edict; 22 Lana.

Winner: Dr John Florance, Newark, Nottinghamshire.

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Solution to the 8 December puzzle

7	1	4	2	9	5	8	3	6
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Solution to the 15 December puzzle

Each 3x3 box, each row and each column must contain all the numbers 1 to 9.

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