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This is the story of an awakening to an African situation which to me – as to most of my countrymen – had been a dark cloud of unknowing ... From Lagos I travelled westwards to Ibadan, east to Calabar, and north to Kano – and Kaduna. I talked with bishops and missionaries, doctors, nursing sisters and school-teachers, wherever I went; with soldiers in hospital and near the front line ... The sum of these conversations has given me a conception of

[Nigeria] and of the position of the Church there completely different from the Catholic case as projected by the propagandists for “Biafra”. I see now that the dictum of Hitler, that the bigger the lie the more people are likely to swallow it, has been borne out ... If genocide is in question, it must be laid at the door of Colonel Ojukwu himself; he seems prepared to let his people die in uttermost misery, so long as there is some hope of international recognition of his own claims.

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Whatever may be the reason for the hostility to the crucifix which is so common among a certain school of Anglicans, we might at least expect that its expression would be in terms of guarded reverence. The Chancellor of the Carlisle Consistory Court was recently asked to grant a faculty for the placing of a war memorial window in St Paul’s Church, Carlisle. The design showed the figure of Christ on the Cross. The Chancellor, in refusing the faculty, said: “The

minds of mourners might well have been directed to a higher plane, not to the Christ dead and thus painfully pictured, but to the Christ living, risen, glorified. This painful subject,” he added, “placed in a conspicuous part of a parish church, before a mixed congregation of men, women and children, would be offensive to some, distressing to others, and of doubtful profit to the rest.” We learn from the *Church Times* that the question of an appeal is under consideration.

PUZZLES

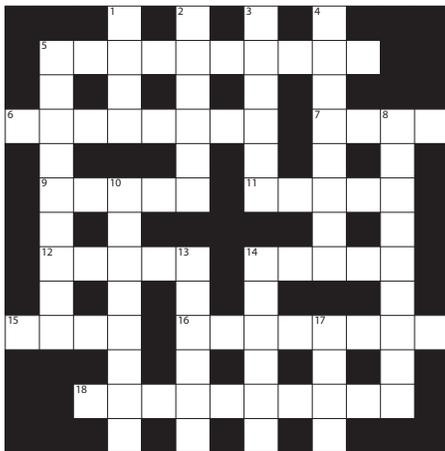
PRIZE CROSSWORD
No. 637 | Axe

Across

- 5 Relating to a new convert to a faith or sect (10)
- 6 Responsory sung in the Office of the Dead (6,2)
- 7 Babylonian god of wisdom as featured in Isaiah (4)
- 9 ----- the Great, patron and deliverer of the Jews (5)
- 11 Place near Mount Gilboa in which Saul consulted a necromancer (2-3)
- 12 Town close to Jaffa where Peter healed Aeneas (5)
- 14 Food or gift as if by divine intervention (5)
- 15 Space in a church extending from the narthex to the chancel (4)
- 16 One claiming they cannot have true knowledge about the existence of God (8)
- 18 Plot of land, scene of the arrest of Christ (10)

Down

- 1 St Thomas ----, Renaissance humanist and England’s Lord Chancellor, 1529-32 (4)



- 2 Coniferous trees associated with the Levant of the N.T. (6)
- 3 Home to Simon, bearer of Christ’s cross (6)
- 4 Along with the fiery furnace, the other major ‘supernatural’ event featured in the book of Daniel (5,3)
- 5 ----- and Aquila, first-century missionary couple (9)
- 8 Priests and Religious Brothers of the Order of the Clerics Regular of St Paul, founded in 1530 in Milan (9)
- 10 Saved from the bondage of sin (8)

- 13 Virgin martyred in Catania, c. 251 – now the patron saint of martyrs (6)
- 14 Trough, with connections to the Nativity, from which animals take food (6)
- 17 The magi’s guiding light? (4)

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● The answers to this week’s puzzles and the crossword winner’s name will appear in the 7 January 2019 issue.

Solution to the 17 November crossword No. 634

Across: 5 Baal-Hanan; 8 Cnut; 9 Pekahiah; 10 Charis; 11 Nantes; 12 Altars; 15 Avalon; 17 Manasseh; 18 Asia; 19 Euergetes.

Down: 1 Easter; 2 Clopas; 3 Jaakan; 4 Bashan; 6 Inshallah; 7 Macedonia; 13 Agabus; 14 Sisera; 15 Ashbel; 16 Amalek.

Winner: Fr Andrew McMahon OFM, Wickham, Fareham, Hampshire.

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