

Lost founder

THE BIG draw in St Mary Magdalen's churchyard in Mortlake is the exotic mausoleum of the Victorian explorer Sir Richard Burton, who died in 1890. It was erected by his wife and collaborator Isabel Arundell, and is shaped like an Arab tent. She joined him six years later: their coffins can be seen through a window at the back.

Elena Curti, author of the forthcoming *Fifty Catholic Churches to See Before You Die* (Gracewing) and former deputy editor of *The Tablet*, was stumbling around the churchyard a few weeks ago in search of the grave of J. F. Bentley, the Doncaster-born architect of Westminster Cathedral. Bentley, a convert, also designed the fabulous Holy Rood, Watford, which is one of Elena's unmissables. "I stumbled around the churchyard for ages trying to find Bentley's grave," Elena told us. "Eventually I resorted to the internet and identified it from a photograph. His name and the inscription are completely worn away."

At least Elena managed to track Bentley down. When I tried to find the grave of the founder of *The Tablet*, Frederick Lucas, who was buried in Brompton cemetery after his death in 1855, it proved elusive, in spite of



being given directions. Perhaps a reader might have more luck: the cemetery's new visitor centre and cafe are open again. The nearest tube is Earls Court.

A.N. WILSON reminds us this week of the paradoxes running through the work of Graham Greene. The former editorial director of Harvill Press and translator Guido Waldman tells us that the strangest commission he received was to put Greene's words into English. "I accepted the task because I had as a youngster devoured Greene's novels

and learnt to assimilate his little stylistic quirks, such as preferring 'one' to 'I.'" The book, *The Other Man: Conversations with Graham Greene* by Marie-Françoise Allain was an extended interview for a French series on living authors. Guido reports with relief that his translation won Greene's approval.

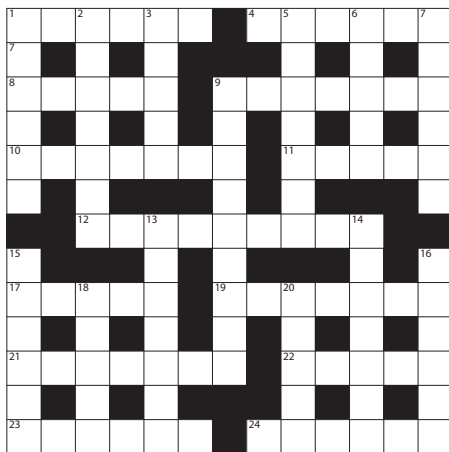
Waldman, who was born in Switzerland to Jewish American parents, arrived in England at the age of seven when the war was about to break out. He was instrumental in publishing the English edition of Primo Levi's first book, *If This is a Man*, about his months in Auschwitz. He suggested Levi describe how after such experiences he could return to the land of the living. *The Periodic Table* was the result.

"I have never subscribed to the notion that Levi committed suicide," Guido says. "He suffered, like so many, from a guilt complex for having survived Auschwitz when so many of his friends had not. But he was on a diet of medical drugs and could easily have lost his balance and fallen over the staircase banisters at his block of flats in Turin."

After his retirement, Guido volunteered at St Joseph's Hospice in Hackney, chatting to patients and their families on the wards, and mucking in as archivist and editor of several hospice publications.

PUZZLES

PRIZE CROSSWORD No. 723 Axe



Across

- 1 High spot in the O.T. totally turned old woman to drink (6)
4 They make a loud noise by the sound of it, these clergy (6)
8 Belief that's one to criticise (5)
9 One senior cleric's lost work to tip-top member of David's war team (7)
10 Suspicion girl met after Daniel saved her (7)
11 Where Og lost during dreaded reign (5)
12 Hindu verses Theravada played around with (9)
17 Looter of church captured by abstainers close to Dan (5)
19 High priest, one featuring in three articles by the end of Judges (7)

- 21 Ancient peoples leaving as modern ones arrive? (7)
22 Eliakim's dad's help is odd – only half a dollar invested (5)
23 Bishop Mary got fired up? (6)
24 Abraham's nephew is seen at lunches Edomites hold (6)

Down

- 1 Religious instruction introduced to torment one in a clerical post (6)
2 Palestinian lake atlases reproduced (4,3)
3 Ham lost his head here, in old Jordan (5)
5 Abraham's crossing turbulent Nile to reach the northern region (7)
6 One of Joktan's boys at work – say hello, Rex (5)
7 Essence of soul? (6)

- 9 21 of the O.T. area a man's desecrated (9)
13 Bible chap's boy toppled over into the river (7)
14 One leaning, like, at the start, for the chap with a strange wife in Esdras (7)
15 Emperor's transport to cross the Med, for instance, capsized (6)
16 Philistine place made of wood, being almost exterminated (6)
18 Pole traces man, a biblical king ... (5,7)
20 ... hot in pursuit of an idiot disciple of St Kentigern (5)

Please send your answers to: Crossword Competition 12 September, The Tablet, 1 King Street Cloisters, Clifton Walk, London W6 0GY. Email: thetablet@thetablet.co.uk, with Crossword in the subject field. Please include your full name, telephone number and email address, and a mailing address. Three books – on Jesus, Christian Art and Catholicism – from the OUP's Very Short Introduction series will go to the sender of the first correct entry drawn at random. **■ We cannot process entries or prizes at present. Please keep entering. Winners will be notified and prizes awarded as soon possible.**

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

Solution to the 15/22 August puzzle

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Solution to the 15/22 August crossword No. 720

Across: 5 Zachaeus; 8 Sela; 9 Chaldean; 10 Dunstan; 12 Hazor; 14 Haydn; 15 Samaria; 17 Jeduthun; 18 Ahab; 19 Pentecost.

Down: 1 Cana; 2 Acacian; 3 Balak; 4 Gurdwara; 6 Jerusalem; 7 Canonical; 11 Sadducee; 13 Taanach; 16 White; 18 Apse.