

CHRISTMAS PUZZLES / Prize Acrostic / devised by Martin Redfern

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- A.** "An author ought to write for the -----, critics of the next, and schoolmasters of ever after." (F. Scott Fitzgerald) (5,2,3,3,10)
- B.** "The -----, as the water has, And these are of them." (*Macbeth*) (5,4,7)
- C.** Footballer as radical champion (4,4)
- D.** "I shall tell you a story about four ----- names were Flopsy, Mopsy, Cottontail and Peter." (Beatrix Potter) (6,7,5)
- E.** "And they shall not come near unto me, to do the office -----, nor to come near to any of my holy things." (Ezekiel) (2,1,6,4,2)
- F.** Thick material used to line garments (7)
- G.** "Beyond the second veil, a second compartment which was called the Holy of Holies, to which belonged the gold altar of incense, and the ----- Covenant, plated all over with gold." (Hebrews) (3,2,3)
- H.** "By adult examples, pupils are being taught such

- evil ----- '-----'." (Proverb cited in *The Guardian*) (9,2,5,2,5)
- I.** Evangelist and Latin shopping centre (6)
- J.** Unfeeling quartet in a blind alley (9)
- K.** "Often I don't recognise faces, but I always -----" (Jean Giraudoux) (9,3,9)
- L.** "A bayonet is ----- each end." (British pacifist slogan, 1940) (1,6,4,1,6,2)
- M.** Linear Electric Field Effect (4)
- N.** "If all the ----- they still From their immortal flowers of poesy, Wherein ... Yet should ..." (Christopher Marlowe) (8,12)
- O.** "Oliver Twist has ----- more." (Charles Dickens) (5,3)
- P.** "... When is a man not a man? ... when he is a ----- yours till the -----, - Sham." (James Joyce) (7,2,3,5)
- Q.** Penny for the ill-mannered old maid (5)
- R.** Encouraged red hex to trickery (8)
- S.** "This man went down to his house justified -----

- the other." (Luke, RSV) (6,4)
- T.** "Large, naked, raw ----- as food only to those who live in hutches eagerly awaiting Easter." (Fran Lebowitz) (7,3,10)
- U.** "It is usual to speak of the fascist objective as the 'beehive state', which does a grave injustice to bees. A world ----- stoats would be nearer the mark." (George Orwell) (2,7,5,2)
- V.** Principal first violin makes red ale concoction (6)
- W.** "Woe is me now! For the ----- grief to my sorrow." (Jeremiah, AV) (4,4,5)
- X.** "Those who -----, Must often wipe a bloody nose." (John Gay) (2,8,9)
- Y.** Slender new projectile (6)
- Z.** Left-wing Democrat in outbuilding torn to pieces - like wheat? Or like a Banksy artwork? (8)

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Level: Tough

Solution to the 1 December puzzle

4	7	1	6	8	2	5	9	3
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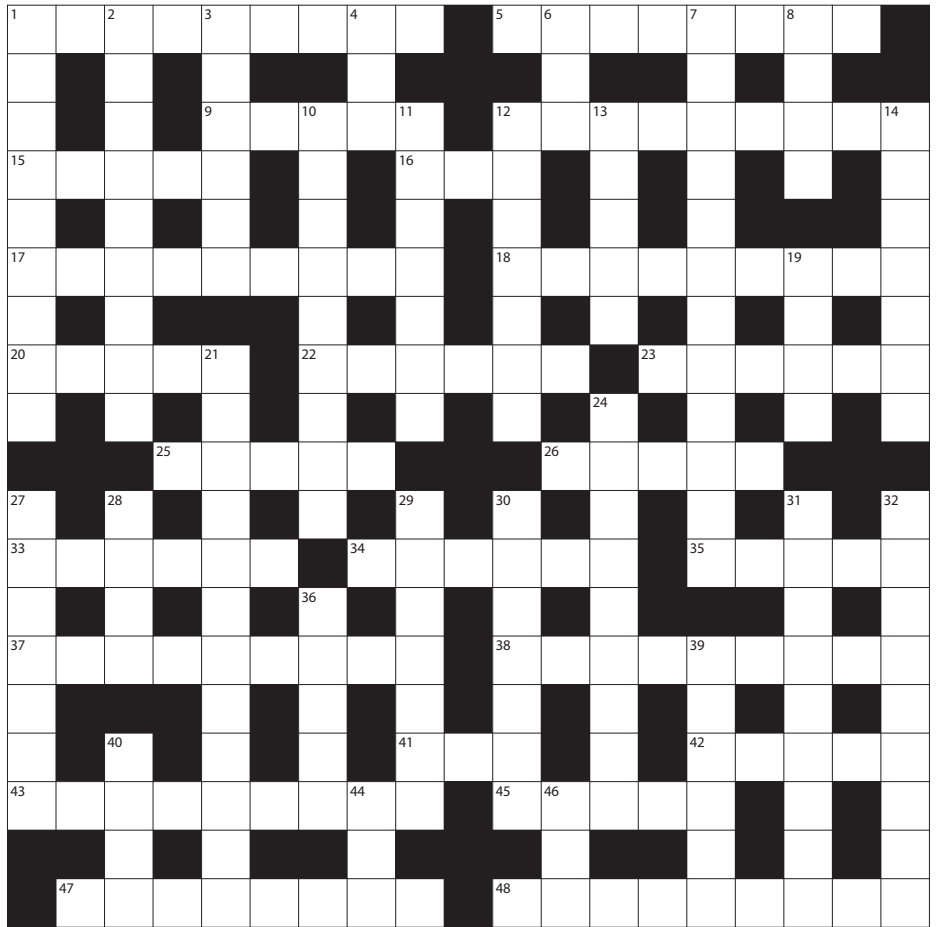
Each 3 x 3 box, each row and each column must contain all the numbers 1 to 9. The solutions will appear in the 6 January 2018 issue.

Across

- 1 City where the major Adoremus conference on the Holy Eucharist was held last August (9)
- 5 It burns in the thurible to sustain the incense (8)
- 9 & 13 Down Horticultural name for the Christmas tree annually displayed in London's Trafalgar Square (5,5)
- 12 Unaccompanied choral music in liturgical service (9)
- 15 American motor car company founded in the early 1900s (5)
- 16 The key to genetic "fingerprinting" (1,1,1)
- 17 Toy with flicked balls, or a light piece of music (9)
- 18 Title of the Virgin Mary as "Mother of God" especially in Eastern Churches (9)
- 20 Belief in the existence of a God (5)
- 22 "The ----- Carol" begins: "On Christmas night all Christians sing" (6)
- 23 See 30 Down
- 25 River on which Canterbury stands (5)
- 26 Priest's charge or one of those watched in the shepherds' carol (5)
- 33 ----- *d'être*, reason for being (6)
- 34 St Philip, one of the Forty Martyrs, entombed in Arundel Cathedral (6)
- 35 Prefix indicating "straight" or "upright" as with "dox" (5)
- 37 French rococo-style painter of such works as *The Swing* and *A Young Girl Reading* (9)
- 38 Soldier or professional hired out to foreign power (9)
- 41 --- sequitur, something that does not follow from previous comment (3)
- 42 Sir Willard -----, leading international bass-baritone opera singer (5)
- 43 Great Florentine sculptor of the Renaissance, many religious works and a David (9)
- 45 Church entrances or vestibules in Roman classical style (5)
- 47 Final performance and a moving passage in 30 Down (4-4)
- 48 ----- Nietzsche, influential German atheist philosopher (9)

Down

- 1 "O ----, ----- with me", conclusion of Lyte's famous hymn (4,5)
- 2 Green coating that forms on, e.g. bronze statues (9)



- 3 Comic strip bear created by Mary Tourtel (6)
- 4 "O Little --- Sweet", carol harmonised by J.S. Bach (3)
- 6 Prince ---, reference, especially in Shakespeare, to future *Henry V* (3)
- 7 Beginning of third verse of "Adeste Fideles" (6,4,2)
- 8 Book of the Old Testament (4)
- 10 Pope saint of the Early Church, died c. 222 (9)
- 11 *Anthony* ----- award-winning 1930s epic drama film from novel by Hervey Allen (7)
- 12 "The Hind and the -----", Dryden's poem reflecting his conversion to Catholicism (7)
- 13 See 9 Across
- 14 Chief adviser to Elizabeth I known for his "law": bad money drives out good (7)
- 19 Imran ----, Prime Minister of Pakistan (4)
- 21 Head of an ecclesiastical province in Eastern Churches (12)
- 24 Albrecht -----, Renaissance landscape painter with works on the Crucifixion, the BVM and St Sebastian (9)
- 27 & 40 Down: "His wings as -----" the Angel Gabriel carol (7,4)
- 28 Saint, an Augustinian nun (eventually) and patron of "hopeless" causes (4)
- 29 A circular moulding or small ceramic plate (7)
- 30 & 23 Across: Theatrical cantata using medieval Latin poems by Carl Orff (7,6)
- 31 "The ----- Intervention", named after one of the cardinals critical of the late 1960s' New Order of Mass (9)

- 32 Sir ---- -----, appropriately named character in Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night* (4,5)
- 36 Early saint, Doctor of the Church, "the Father of Eastern monasticism" (5)
- 39 Saint and king, "the Confessor", died eve of the Epiphany 1066 (6)
- 40 See 27 Down
- 44 --- Chaney, leading horror actor of early cinema, playing Quasimodo, and the title role in *Phantom of the Opera* (3)
- 46 Hill as at Glastonbury (3)

Answers: See page 48

Solution to 1 December crossword No. 636

- Across:** 7 Myrrh; 8 Italian; 10 Retable; 11 Faust; 12 Hyperdulia; 16 Zuccarelli; 20 Bliss;
Down: 1 Amore; 2 Frith; 3 Ahab; 4 Nicene; 5 Daffodil; 6 Rituals; 9 Nathan; 13 Yeatsian; 14 Azubah; 15 Echidna; 17 Exaudi; 18 Grieg; 19 Haydn 22 Bach.

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