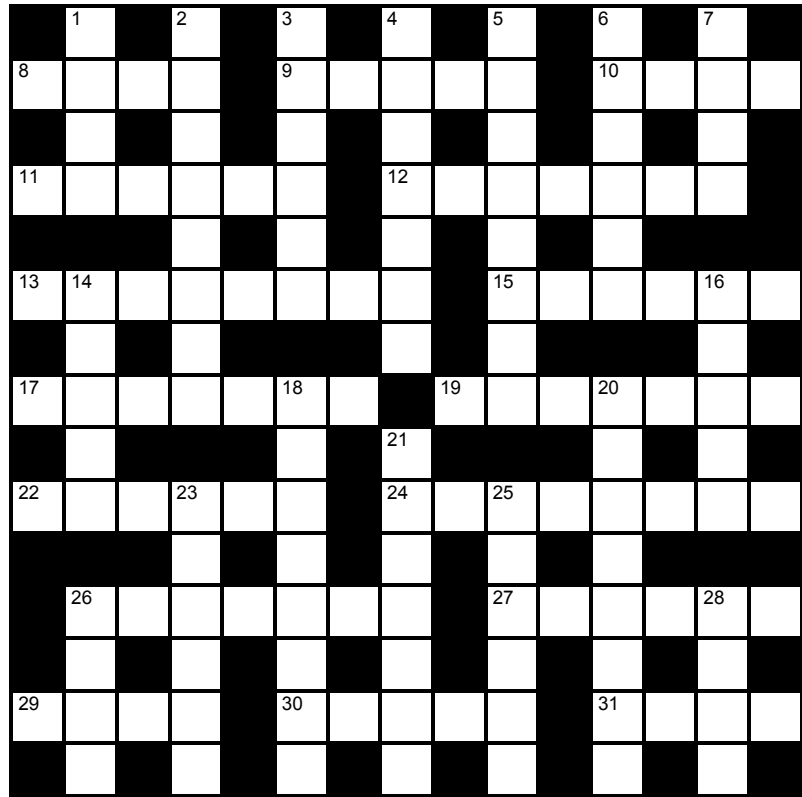


*Happy Holidays!*

**Across**

- 8 A jackass, not pet, went back to cat (4)
- 9 Sauce made from bonsai olive (5)
- 10 Koufo's not authorised to reject strange vessels (4)
- 11 Priest with primarily threadbare jumper (6)
- 12 Groomed Englishman helped to read aloud (7)
- 13 Confused old boys relieved (8)
- 15 Capital dry hair lacks resistance curiously (6)
- 17 Free the French Parisian one before Wednesday maybe (7)
- 19 A school chum outside 3 (7)
- 22 Steady look at Tower of Babel? (6)
- 24 Past law in reverse (8)
- 26 Impression of leaderless rebellion (7)
- 27 3 this is territory in the Pacific Ocean (6)
- 29 A stateless thousand in iconic place with mausoleum (4)



- 30 Goes round and round both ways (5) reflects on song and drink (3,5) plant feebly catching first light (4,4)
- 31 Reclined without a letter that was given temporarily to me (4) 6 Divers associate for relaxation primarily at the weekend (6) 21 Hoods or hats (7)
- 23 Man 2 before 6? (6) 25 Stratagem I gregariously showed to outgoer (6)
- 26 Urges on, for example Gilbert & Sullivan openings (4) 28 A number reject opening extract (4)
- 7 23 partner found briefly in the middle of fight? (4) 14 11's waitress perhaps? (5) 16 One from Texas maybe might pull to the left (5) 18 Group of men stick together about current extreme difficulty (8) 20 South African
- 5 Note mother