

# FROM THE ARCHIVE

## 50 years ago

THE TABLET • 1 JANUARY 1966

In the life of the Church 1966 will prove a momentous year; for it will be the year in which the post-conciliar commissions proceed to translate the decrees of the Second Vatican Council into the terms in which they will be incorporated into the teaching, general outlook, and activity of the Church ...

Pope Paul VI has made it clear that he is troubled at some of the manifestations of what may be called theological vitality and high spirits ... *Aggiornamento* can have both a good and a bad side: good where it means

getting rid of habits of mind and speech which come out of a very different past; but bad if it means trying to adapt the Church to the values, and even to the moods, of the contemporary world ...

What Chesterton wrote of individuals – that there were few more valuable things a man could do than to resist the major tendencies of his own day, because they would almost certainly be carried to excess ... with most men following the fashion they find – is uniquely true of Church.

## 100 years ago

THE TABLET • 1 JANUARY 1916

Pope Benedict XV's Christmas message: A cloud of sadness darkens, this year, the happy celebration of the Nativity. We are confronted again with the savage spectacle of human slaughter; and if, last year, we deplored the extent, the ferocity, and all the results of this tremendous conflict, we must to-day mourn over the wider spread, the greater pertinacity, the excess, which, with their terrible consequences, have turned the world to an ossuary and a hospital, and the progress of

human civilization to an anti-Christian retrogression.

How many times has our heart sought refuge in prayer as in the only hope of safety! If God does not give succour, what is there that we can do?

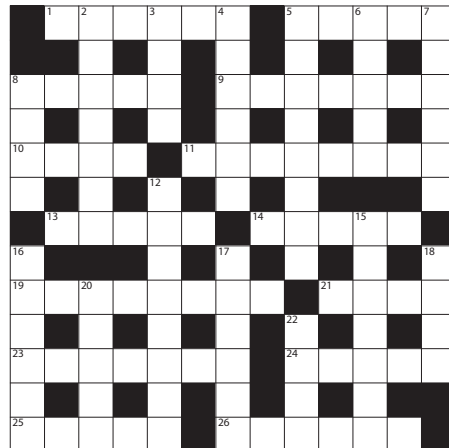
Called to the government of the Church in the most terrible days in all history, we fondly hoped that the love of the father might not prove altogether unfruitful. Vain hope! ... Every wish, every hope, every project has been shattered. Indeed here also we have been compelled to confess ourself powerless.

## PUZZLES

### PRIZE CROSSWORD No. 491 | Enigma

#### Across

- 1 Central European, half-dead, had worked too hard (6)
- 5 There is nothing worse than a malfunctioning drain (5)
- 8 Returning, we were imprisoned by the judge, but in smaller numbers (5)
- 9 One trying to discover our innermost secrets without asking (7)
- 10 Do the other animals come to them for a gossip? (4)
- 11 The shepherd's thoughts are of an examination he once sat (8)
- 13 Eleven from Heaven (or possibly fifteen) filling the sauna (5)
- 14 That publicity last month showed what you are, and it's nothing minor! (5)
- 19 If Mr Putin were not so soft, he could live here (8)
- 21 A terribly laid-back parliament (4)
- 23 A predator from foreign forests makes a sudden strike (7)
- 24 At a typical centre for the separated (5)



- 25 Give a hundred points to do with the stage-setting (5)
- 26 It's a person like you who causes trouble for lovers (6)

#### Down

- 2 Sounds like appropriate apparel for the courtroom (7)
- 3 In a museum on these lines, exhibits are of many different kinds (4)
- 4 Disappointment caused by part of the summer in the current year (6)
- 5 It's water for the tap I need after the moon's first and third quarters (4,4)

### SUDOKU | Moderate

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- 6 They told us a meal had cost little in Bosnia (5)
- 7 It is seldom one can rely on an upcoming artist (8)
- 8 We take a dim view of what they reveal (4)
- 12 It was miserable, you understand, being a member of a Biblical Hebrew sect (8)
- 15 The length of time the tap has been dripping (7)
- 16 Shows disapproval of what the priest possesses (6)
- 17 Brings together the up-and-coming set in the capital of Uganda (6)
- 18 The second item is a disgrace to the auctioneer's reputation (4)
- 20 Thus, after 55, it's the beginning of the end. If you can't do this (5)
- 22 Get out of playing Monopoly (4)

#### Please send your answers to:

#### Crossword Competition 2 January

The Tablet, 1 King Street Cloisters, Clifton Walk, London W6 0GY. Please include your full name, telephone number and email address, and a mailing address. A copy of the hardback *Oxford Dictionary and Thesaurus* (second edition, RRP £30) will go to the sender of the first correct entry drawn at random on Friday 15 January.

● The answers to this week's puzzles and the crossword winner's name will appear in the 23 January issue.

#### Solution to the 5 December crossword No. 489

**Across:** 7 Paula; 8 Nervous; 10 Crashaw; 11 Drier; 12 Warrington; 6 Adventures; 20 Lares; 21 Webster; 23 The Call; 24 Lyric.

**Down:** 1 Speck; 2 Mural; 3 Oath; 4 Answer; 5 Credence; 6 Goliath; 9 Syrinx; 13 Amnesiac; 14 Hamlet; 15 Overseer; 17 Unwell; 18 Stern; 19 Wreck; 22 Bala.

**Winner:** Helen Granger, of Kensington, west London.

● More solutions, including answers to the Language Game quiz and the Jumbo crossword in the Christmas issue, appear on page 32.

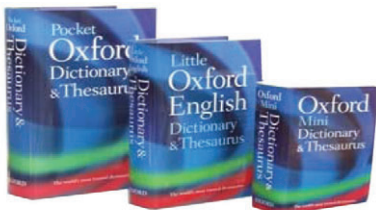
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