**Across**

1. Untidy person working among crops? (9)

**8** Worship accessory for just part of the UK? (7,6)

**11** Each distortion is pain (4)

**12** ‘Almost correct’; argument not finished in diocese (5)

**13** Is she a morning person? (4)

**16** Sal and 21 could name a beloved son (7)

**17** ‘And the red glare on \_\_\_ roused the burghers of Carlisle’

(Macaulay) (7)

**18** Country where people interrupt the song? (7)

**20** Disorganised curate carrying note for mythical being (7)

**21** ‘O Lamb of God’ from reading-desk? Just the opposite (4)

**22** Musical ornament from birdsong (5)

**23** Bananas being sent back for *It’s A Knockout!* (4)

**26** Initial ordeal as sacrament administered in wrong element (7,2,4)

**27** Eire faces trouble with end of hostilities (5-4)

**Down**

1. Prehistoric tool for Saxon predecessor (4)
2. Platform to criticise heartlessly – that’s strange (7)
3. Sticks together and makes sense (7)
4. Official communication for resistance units (4)
5. Sharing a problem, like the owl and the pussycat? (2,3,4,4)
6. If complete, this makes an old comedy show (3,3,7)
7. Meat returned to an Indian ruler makes him a greater ruler (9)
8. Swearing wildly about name in response (9)

**14** Ostentatiously put down cheap wine (5)

**15** ‘Like as the arrows in the hand of the \_\_\_\_’ (Ps 127) (5)

**19** Sorts AI to generate Greek tenses (7)

**20** Cancel visit; it’s not on (4,3)

**24** Fashion lacking line is an eyesore (4)

**25** A service set up some distance away (4)

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