

**ACROSS**

- 1 Denial of the spiritual (11)  
 8 Examine carefully (7)  
 9 Christian symbol (5)  
 11 Brand-name range cooker (3)  
 12 Whatever comes! (3,4)  
 13 Immature insect (5)  
 14 Of strong constitution (6)  
 16 Difficult time (6)  
 19 Religious pamphlet (5)  
 21 Very best, most favourable (7)  
 23 Dried grass as fodder (3)  
 24 Male honey-bee (5)  
 25 Unfavourable to (7)  
 26 Lack of veneration (11)

**DOWN**

- 2 Possession (5)  
 3 Administer, carry out (7)  
 4 New group (of pupils) (6)  
 5 In the immediate area (5)  
 6 Lash (7)  
 7 Glum (10)  
 10 Fellow clubman (10)  
 15 Sophisticated style (7)  
 17 Go back over (7)  
 18 Long sea trip (6)  
 20 Indicated objects nearby (5)  
 22 Excessively enthusiastic (5)

