Crossword

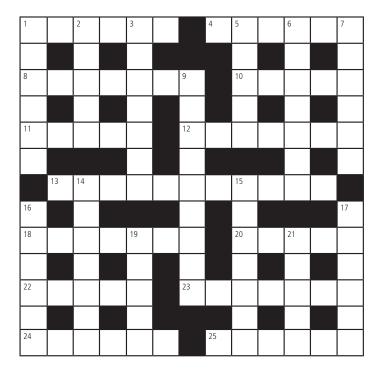
Answers to cryptic italicised clues, loosely categorised as 4 across, might feature in a vegan Christmas dinner.

Across

- I Post filled by Innocents, amongst others. (6)
- 4 See prologue.
- 8,23 Maxim which suggests man is a microcosm of the universe. (2,5,2,5)
- 10 Brazilian mammal and vegetarian. (5)
- 11 European. (5)
- 12 Vasectomy? Sounds like it. (7)
- 13 They're essential to achieve 2, 14. (11)
- 18 It's unpleasant to behold. (7)
- 20 Dance. (5)
- 22 Gateway to a Japanese Shinto temple. (5)
- 23 See 8.
- 24 A colourless, odourless gas, at normal temperature and pressure. (6)
- 25 Trembling trees. (6)

Down

- I "----- does wonders for our sense of hearing." Arnold H. Glasow (6)
- 2, 14 What we all pray for at this time of year. (5,2,5)
- 3 A very detailed snap. (5-2)
- 5 A helicopter has at least one (however you look at it). (5)
- 6 Cost. (7)



- 7 It occupies the highest rank in the Christian angelic hierarchy. (6)
- 9 They all have a boss. (9)
- 14 See 2.
- 15 Nightmare. (7)
- 16 Grasp it at your peril. (6)
- 17 Ex-PM's family contrasts with 4. (6)
- 19 It'll have you in tears. (5)
- 21 Beat. (5)