ACROSS

- 1 Militant follower (6)
- 4 Passed into disuse (6)
- **9** Harp on about something (3,2,2)
- **10** Rotund (5)
- 11 Distant twinkler in the sky (4)
- **12** Gospel preacher (7)
- 14 To the other side (6)
- **16** Very strict (6)
- 19 Dawn till dusk (7)
- 21 Long operatic solo (4)
- 23 Bend, arch (5)
- **24** Fire ____, emergency service (7)
- **25** Have a home (6)
- 26 Soft gentle breeze (6)

DOWN

- 1 Nil (4)
- 2 Judge (7)
- 3 Exterior (5)
- 5 Ratify (7)
- 6 Bypass, sidetrack (5)
- 7 Reduced, lessened (8)
- 8 Move quietly, creep (5)
- 13 Police patrol vehicle (5,3)
- **15** Salary (7)
- **17** Gravestone inscription (7)
- 18 Just about manage (3,2)
- 20 Sailors' stories (5)
- 21 Opposite of 'dead' (5)
- 22 Corrosion (4)

