Alphabetical jigsaw
Solve the clues and fit the answers into the grid. Each letter of the alphabet is used at least once at the beginning of the grid entries

Professor Calculus turned up to take in a game (8)
Better-looking sailors over the sea in France (9)
Oddly, Joan Baez “friendless”, an unknown in this musical genre (4)
The old sultanate’s royal servant (6)
Tutus, then burqas, tailored for one with yellowy skin (9,6)
Ms Lupino returned to Brussels to say farewell (5)
Potentially dangerous parcel leads to central York street being evacuated (4)
Do its passengers wear platform shoes? (8,7)
Virginia sends guacamole back; perhaps it’s lacking in flavour (5)
Material Girl finally visits northern Canadian province having left UK (5)
Mostly bizarre water feature (4)
Insecure leaders of United need Sir Alex Ferguson’s energy (6)
To strip away her dignity, I shame nude model (10)
Like Aegean lamb served in bite-sized pieces? (10)
An element of Cologne university I’m taking over (9)

She’s beginning to cry, taking time over each flower (5,3)
Bring to mind prayer following scripture lesson (9)
A month to snog one special Levi endlessly? (6)
Taunt diva, a fan of The Eagles? (8)
Old boy in Phoenix going crazy over a fear of outsiders (10)
I use rude words about flipping Scottish region (4)
Tory content to support a corrupt, dodgy financial agent (10)
I flog Led Zeppelin’s first selfie, shot in revue on Broadway (8,7)
Pole on board ship winches overboard fat fellow (4-5)
In a strangely old-fashioned way, queen isn’t commonly leisurely on vacation (8)
Fashionable clock face turned, decorated with marquetry (6)
France spurned earlier alternative name for abalone (5)

Solution 15,818

C L E R I H E W      D I R E C T
E A A H L      I O
C O N C U R      A T R O P I N E
N E D T I D
B E A M E I S E N S T E I N
E N Y G R T
A L T E R E G O A V I D
A T D U A N O
A S T I R E F U S I N G
S N A P P A
F I N G E R B O W L C H A P
T T D I A T
R U T H L E S S      T H I N G S
D I N O U O
D E S P O T N O S I N E S S