ACROSS
1 US pal, a pain in the neck in European capital (8)
5 Mother’s labour – needs flipping ointment (6)
10 Some earache cold almost brought about (7)
11 Lure fish back towards shelter (7)
12 Cast polio out of New Testament characters (9)
13 Fruit drink with pips oddly included (5)
15, 16 Confusion through misunderstanding winger’s pass into box before second goal (5,8)
19, 20 Row between couple and barman, then all happy back home? (8,5)
21 Right before one nurse gets you up (5)
23 Those playing away from home as couple watches? (3-6)
25 Awful bummer, accommodating one Midlander (7)
27 In spring, ran a dairy for provincial capital (7)
28 Affectedly quaint dresser’s extremely woollen clothes (6)
29 Novel produced in 31 days? Judge not, as not much to look at (8)

DOWN
1 Accidentally purchase unoccupied church – Anglican one previously (2,6)
2 Detectives held up topless pic – mostly shy person showing distinct cleavage? (11)
3 Hardy female taken by force, not about to show formal good manners (9)
4, 16 Tape too tight in underwear? It’s something of little significance (5,8)
6 Near a playing field (5)
7 A rider goes north in spring (3)
8 Annoying fly found in humid Georgia (5)
9, 24 Member supports very exciting music producer (8,5)
14 Clergyman includes bizarre rite without as yet any developed written language (11)
16 See 4
17 Part that must be played by Bob, roughly half like silly goat (9)
18 State of equilibrium is upset, so son falls in river (8)
21 Scot meets a model in African capital (5)
22 Wanderer moaned about leaving Europe initially (5)
23 Wandering around the world (5)
25 Flower not in water? (3)

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