

Across

- 7) Entity made up of 2 elements (4)
- 8) Detestable inner circles may hold you back (4,4)
- 9) On holidays, son loses his kit (6)
- 10) A warm place to gather, his first on this planet (6)
- 11) Witless twinkle-toes has broken bones (8)
- 13) Bang! Killing backfires without hesitation (4)
- 15) Remove twisted pins (4)
- 17) Anxious about holy man? Not so much... (8)
- 19) Colour in insult with love (6)
- 21) Garbled pleas hide my first try (6)
- 22) Christians lose worker complaints (8)
- 23) Someone edited demand (4)

Down

- 1) Report of girl kidnapped is wrong (8)
- 2) Rejection of French in front of river, we're told (6)
- 3) Even questers have purposes (4)
- 4) Devices take up seam around part of face (8)
- 5) A panel on a ship (6)
- 6) Skip broken lift (4)
- 12) Animal stirred risotto and added last bit of cheese (8)
- 14) Murder of unloved son remains a mystery (8)
- 16) Pub admitted solider, held in base (6)
- 18) Bad omens after student chops fruit (6)
- 20) A mother's worst nightmare buried in redone Rome (4)
- 21) Point bottom cheek (4)

