Crossword

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

Across

1 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

1 “------ 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)