ACROSS
1 Saint in debt, early Christian leaders frantic (8)
5 European city left in good heart (6)
9 Circling island, something spotted, northern territory (8)
10 A fabric as one wishes (2,4)
12 This taken on board, cry of frustration after a breakdown? (5)
13 One leaning to the left supports strike (9)
14 Sound of discontent, as odds reversed? (6)
16 English animals in poem (7)
19 In a day, gloriously, summer term starts (7)
21 I'm furious about opening of trade, I tell you! (6)
23 Dropped underwear in language centre (4,5)
25 I for one love jerks, wife admitted (5)
26 Glimpse new candied cakes (6)
27 Island capital, where a great weight put on college (8)
28 Belief is within people against us? (6)
29 Swimmer, smart and light (8)

DOWN
1 Old things spotted under black vest (6)
2 Leader, one of the Romans (6,3)
3 Carried upside-down by matron nude, I'm clueless! (5)
4 Bash things (7)
6 Metal initially in back of truck, for example? (9)
7 One filling bad egg with a condiment from India (5)
8 Average priest locking up house in US state (8)
11 Top wizard pocketing grand (4)
15 After lifting of a masterpiece, dashing chaps making lots of cash (9)
17 When dizzy, errant waif almost drops from the heavens (9)
18 Lover given easy opening (8)
20 Asian draw announced (4)
21 Extractor fan's last in test I'd devised (7)
22 Clinging, several skirts black (6)
24 A hot lover? (5)
25 Careful eater, new age views primarily turning up (5)

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