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Across

- 3** Frees parliamentarian for upper level in church (10)
11 Mum holds a party quarterly for tiny Ethiopian creature (7)
12 Head of US college accepts university process for recycling fuel? (5)
13 Holding wild gig, reverse of put-down for VIPs (7, 2 words)
15 Sandy's extended shortened speech? (4)
16 Wild canine about to die, put back in wretched quarters (7)
17 Recalled piece in Standard (yesterday's) no longer feared (5)
20 One born to serve couple finding new position in Aussie tavern (5)
22 Sort of omelette, Italian, served in fat cooked with art (8)
23 Songbird, something heard circling over high place (8)
26 SA antelope, one in circular path, tailless (5)
27 Some shekels made by employee, [what? (5)
28 Freshly made crafted tin men won (7)
30 Wild goat seized by cheetah racing (4)
32 Fungus displayed by pimples, on inside (7)
33 Favourite jar, by the sound of it (5)
34 Fool in front of painting no longer puts blobs on? (7)
35 Street musicians moving about in damn banger (10, 2 words)

Down

- 1** Amphibians born mostly abroad in half of great river (10)
2 Earth doctor extracted from African country (4)
4 Stake on gee-gee coming in behindhand (but not last), ... (6)
5 ... One such, last in race, having pound on (5)
6 What's the point of upending earth, scraping it for food? (8)
7 Penning page, view poet's grudge (6)
8 Bum having to be persistent when denied work (4)
9 Delicacy, bit left uneaten with section removed from goose's head (7)
10 Entering here wronged fool gets redress (8)
14 Literal translator came across early female playwright's fragment of tragedy (10)
18 One preceding old monarch entering erred badly – should be behind (8)
19 Dealer in offal distributed per tin mum's got in (8)
21 Scot taking legal possession I'll have to think about (7)
24 What may be full of chocolates, some milk that one's opened (6)
25 Charged particle – what's done when opening current is switched? (6)
27 Blokes with what helps to 'pull the birds', an intellectual elite (5)
29 Some silk yarn in ultramarine (4)
31 Coquille? Lucky chance catching 50 (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2016) is recommended.

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Across 15, merest(one); 21, is L in reel (rev.); 24, j'ad(or)e (Fr. = I love); 30, ref. p. point; 34, i.e. e in hold; 35, E sent in anag.
Down 3, trim u + i, t, r (rev.); 5, Mars + ala; 8, (heat)henry; 10, anag. incl. j (joint); see butcher's broom; 20, h in ea. role; 31, toye(d) (rev.)

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