

CHRISTMAS PUZZLES / Jumbo Crossword

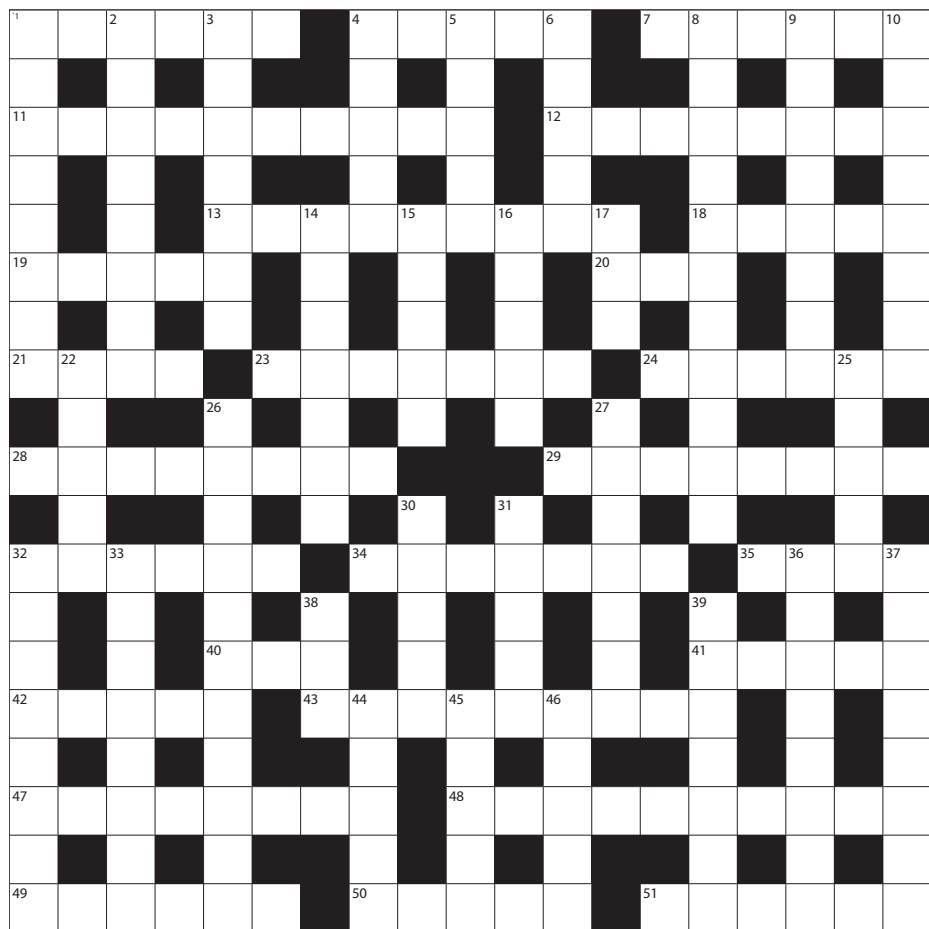
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Across

- 1 County with carol proclaiming "On Christmas night all Christians sing" (6)
 4 One of the gifts brought to the stable by the Kings of Orient (5)
 7 "Holy ----- so tender and mild", carol (6)
 11 Essex city on site of first capital of Roman Britain (10)
 12 Architecture from the period preceding the Victorian era (8)
 13 Theodore -----, pseudonym of Anthony M. Daniels, much published psychiatrist ("Underclass") and physician, noted for his work with criminals (9)
 18 Girl's name of Greek origin deriving from the mother of Constantine (5)
 19 Essential ingredient for the turkey stuffing (5)
 20 Household god in mythology (3)
 21 City in Hungary famed for its wines and thermal baths (4)
 23 & 22 Down Seasonal spook from Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* (7,5)
 24 Christmas tree decoration invented in Germany c.1610 (6)
 28 School for students of magic in J.K. Rowling's *Harry Potter* books (8)
 29 Pope (354) who made 25 December the date of Christmas (8)
 32 Type of beggar in Middle Ages fit to work but begged instead (6)
 34 Rosemary ----- starred with Bing Crosby in the classic film *White Christmas* (7)
 35 Adelbert -----, US Civil War general and senator; daughter Blanche a leading figure in women's suffrage (4)
 40 Priest and judge in Book of Samuel (3)
 41 Mother of Abraham's son Ishmael (5)
 42 The Liturgy of the -----, derived from the Divine Office (5)
 43 *Cavalleria -----*, Mascagni opera largely set in a village church (9)
 47 *In nomine Patris et Filii et ----- Sancti* (8)
 48 Patriarchal and longest-lived biblical figure, in Genesis (10)
 49 An Arab leader (6)
 50 & 30 Down: Alternative name for Father Christmas (5,5)
 51 Person who goes by a different name or none at all (6)

Down

- 1 Tree mentioned several times in the Old Testament, e.g. Kings 1:10 (8)
 2 The winter one usually occurs on 21 December (8)
 3 Egg-laying mammal also known as a spiny anteater (7)
 4 "Sancta Maria, ----- Dei", the *Hail Mary* (5)
 5 ----- *Novarum*, famous encyclical of Pope Leo XIII to improve the conditions of workers (5)
 6 Influential German philosopher, much associated with dialectical reasoning (5)
 8 More familiar name for the clergy of the Order of Premonstratensians (11)
 9 Early Pope and martyr known for his opposition to the Gnostics (8)
 10 Cornish village and castle noted for its link with Arthurian legend (8)



- 14 Battle (1571) where Catholic fleet defeated invading Ottomans (7)
 15 Masted sailing vessels (5)
 16 Samuel -----, famous English diarist who witnessed such events as the Great Fire of London (5)
 17 English cathedral with a lantern (3)
 22 See 23 Across
 25 The No. 12 by Chopin known as *The Revolutionary* (5)
 26 Illumination support on the altar or as decoration at Christmas perhaps (11)
 27 Mostly Christian country of West Africa (7)
 30 See 50 Across
 31 Famous beach near Sydney immensely popular on Christmas Day (5)
 32 Teachers in Ancient Greece (8)
 33 A cloistered nun, her order taking its name from the saint founder (8)
 36 Ferdinand -----, explorer who discovered trade routes and began the first circumnavigation of the globe (8)
 37 Heavenly beings often depicted with six wings (8)
 38 Movement from Bach's *Orchestral Suite No. 3*, known as "---- on the G string" (3)
 39 ----- *de matin*, a "Morning Song" by Elgar (7)
 44 Genus that includes the polar bear and others (5)
 45 Man of Athens in Shakespeare's salutary tale (5)
 46 Worn by an altar server over a cassock at Mass (5)
Answers: See Page 55

■ **Solution to puzzle No. 882, 2 December 2023**

Across: 1 Lizard; 5 Asses; 8 Hobby; 9 Limpopo; 10 Ruin; 11 Far North; 13 Amber; 14 Raker; 19 Trending; 21 Bali; 23 Raiders; 24 Eudes; 25 Speed; 26 Sartre.
Down: 2 Imbrium; 3 Alys; 4 Dollar; 5 Armenian; 6 Spoor; 7 Sloths; 8 Hera; 12 Deadhead; 15 Evander; 16 Storks; 17 Enosis; 18 Kiss; 20 Exile; 22 Bear .