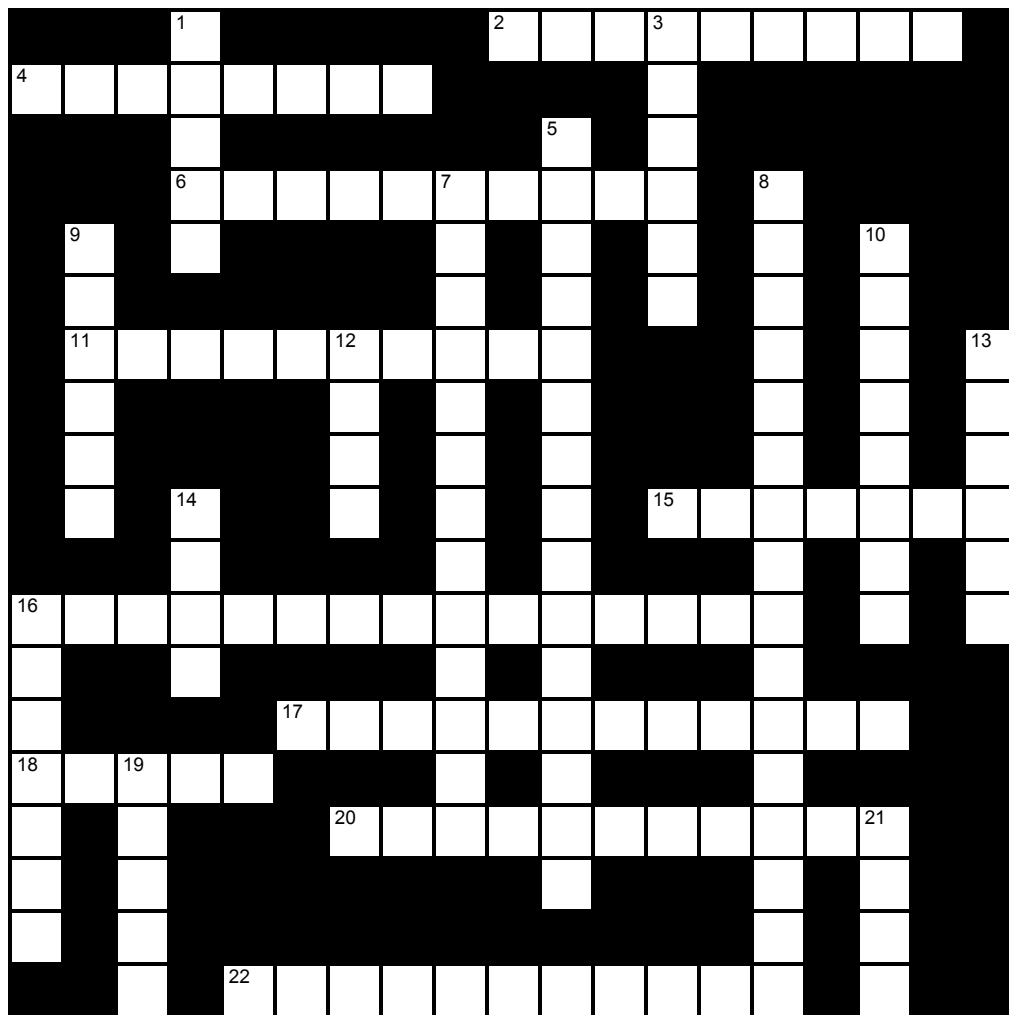


Christmas Crossword



Across

- 2** a bush that produces small white fruits. Its branches are often used as a Christmas decoration. (9)
- 4** an old word meaning the period of time around Christmas (8)
- 6** an imaginary man with a long white beard and a red suit who brings presents for children at Christmas:

- 11** a hot alcoholic drink made of wine mixed with sugar and spices, traditionally drunk at winter festivals such as Christmas (6,4)
- 15** bright and colourful in a way that makes you think of a celebration (7)
- 16** a traditional meal eaten at Christmas, often consisting of turkey with vegetables, followed by a heavy fruit pudding called Christmas pudding (9,6)
- 17** the day or evening before Christmas Day (9,3)
- 18** a traditional song sung at Christmas (5)
- 20** the birth of Jesus Christ, celebrated by Christians at Christmas (3,8)
- 22** small lights used for decorating something, especially a tree at Christmas (5,6)

Down

- 1** a religious festival such as Christmas or Passover (5)
- 3** long thin pieces of shiny paper used as a Christmas decoration (6)
- 5** BRITISH an imaginary old man with a long white beard and red clothes who brings children their Christmas presents (6,9)
- 7** the period of time around Christmas (13)
- 8** used as a greeting during the Christmas period, especially on cards (7,9)
- 9** BRITISH a box or basket of food and drink, sometimes given as a gift at Christmas (6)
- 10** a friendly message sent to someone on their birthday, at Christmas etc (8)
- 12** BRITISH a man dressed as an old woman who performs in a Christmas pantomime (4)
- 13** in the Christian religion, the four-week period before Christmas Day (6)
- 14** BRITISH a model of the wooden box that Jesus Christ was born in, according to the Bible. Some Christians have these in their churches and houses at Christmas. (4)
- 16** BRITISH a decorated paper tube that makes a noise when you pull it apart. It usually has a small toy, joke, and paper hat inside and is traditionally used at Christmas. (7)
- 19** a small brown European bird with a red chest. They are often used as a symbol of winter and are frequently shown on Christmas cards and decorations. (5)
- 21** an old word meaning 'Christmas' (4)