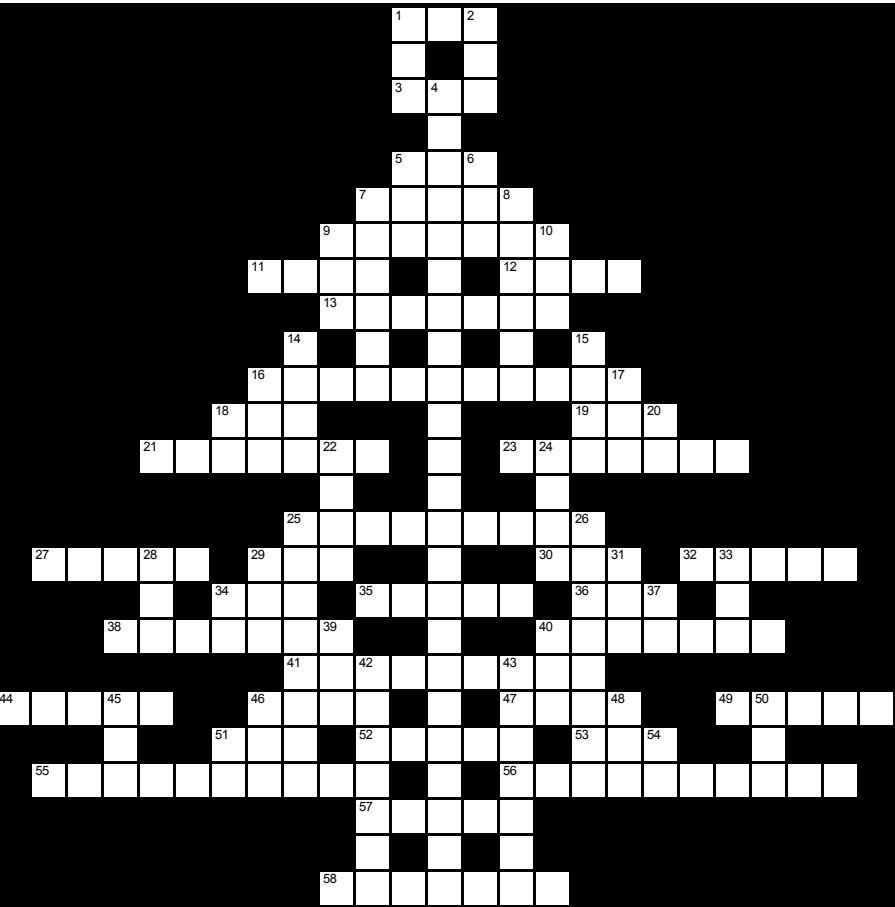


**Across**

- 1 Tree's smothered in Christmas hangings (3)
- 3 Ultimately made angel trim tree (3)
- 5 Holly's partner decapitated Roman historian (3)
- 7 Make a noise about scripture and a king (5)
- 9 Test blast in tumbler (5-2)
- 11 Impale calling bird (4)
- 12 Wailing, perhaps, with everyone?(4)
- 13 Transport platter around in the morning when opening (7)
- 16 Former pet ruined amazing figure (11)
- 18 Everyone's seasonal legacy's unwrapped (3)
- 19 It pierces the first character with love for starters (3)
- 21 Put on solutions for transport in Judaea, perhaps (7)
- 23 Measure uniform in looted complex (4,3)
- 25 One hundred and fifty one thousand cacti spoiled ending (9)

- 27 Relish alcohol (5)
- 29 It could be pale with no head! (3)
- 30 Alternatively not covering other article (3)
- 32 Do this to the turkey and miscellaneous items (5)
- 34 It could be made with mince that's put under pressure (3)
- 35 Minister's six wheels (5)
- 36 A pound is what 35 might put on (3)
- 38 Celebration time for 5's other half, by the sound of it (7)
- 40 Flap about Noel air (7)
- 41 River rose out of control forming lake (9)
- 44 Leaves a little bit of liquid (5)
- 46 Richard put it under mistletoe (4)
- 47 Weapons destroyed Mars (4)
- 49 Shoot snob with smart top hat (5)



- 51 Father bearing roast (3)
- 52 With any luck, Santa might pay one to have meeting after five (5)
- 53 Open wide and say it after queue in audition (3)
- 55 Court another equal with grand design (10)
- 56 Assembly's persuasive about new metal (10)
- 57 Weird graduate's dance (5)
- 58 Get chasing good sparkle (7)

**Down**

- 1 A church is one (3)
- 2 Joint actor (3)
- 4 Carol's sweetheart went the way of this clue in the festive season (4,4,4,2,9)
- 5 Characters in choir expressed anger (3)
- 6 Ox starts to yawn about kiddie (3)
- 7 Tax dependent (6)
- 8 You expect to follow king and country (6)

- 9 Hit profits (3)
- 10 No right to pray for recompense (3)
- 14 Shaft left-winger engaged in sabotage (4)
- 15 Test alternative to aluminium (4)
- 16 Beast raised in shackles (3)
- 17 Outspoken second person is one that bleats (3)
- 18 Antidisestablishmentarian fringe article (2)
- 20 Watch only at the first half (2)
- 22 You will shortly broadcast seasonal festivity (4)
- 24 Forget gag having lost head (4)
- 25 Fasten around listener's opening (8)
- 26 He leads Switzerland accompanied by pilot (8)
- 28 Dove's call carries over our heads (3)
- 29 Help India in the period since Christ's birth (3)

- 31 Measure endless bells (3)
- 33 Tow broken down couple (3)
- 34 Tart with no bottom? Three and a bit! (2)
- 37 Live act (2)
- 39 Longing for money (3)
- 40 Tune fan (3)
- 42 Separate a few (7)
- 43 Staffs food bar associated with cereal (7)
- 45 Pulse could be split (3)
- 46 One is vocally weak (3)
- 48 Sixth day: rested! (3)
- 50 Poet's not quite finished poem (3)
- 51 Dad's secretary (2)
- 54 Broadcast shrill greetings (2)