



**Across**

- 1 Naughty child starts to incinerate mince pies (3)
- 5 Worshipping a party band... like The Magi? (7)
- 6 A week after 10 chopped yew in the vicinity (3,4)
- 9 Cut air travel prior to air strike - that's rash! (9)
- 11 Removes religious writings after someone utters 'Bethlehem' to begin with (9)
- 16 Seasonal fare that's regularly priced (3)
- 18 For incredibly good starters, it's traditionally added to 10,7 (3)
- 20 Transform Noel? Virtue is incredibly having no end (13)
- 21 Stickiness clings to some wrappers for festive centrepiece (5)
- 22 Department protected by cashmere mittens (5)
- 23 21 getting this in song that's loud and tinkly at the start (3)
- 4 Dark-haired, perhaps? That's not right! (6)
- 7 I've heard you'll mash spud to make these sweets (4)
- 8 A large number go there late on 10 17 (4)
- 10 See 2
- 12 Beautiful women lacking energy? They create ding-dongs! (5)
- 13 It's sung around 10, around a bottomless barrel (5)
- 14 Contributing to loveliest fairy tales? (4)
- 15 Question words articulated description of esteemed post-natal visitors (4)
- 16 In favour of heading to Palestine... or heading back (3)
- 17 The first woman to chase its charms cracked right at the close of 3 (3)
- 18 Suitably decorative tree... if put up right (3)
- 19 Wonder grips every man in the first instance (3)

**Down**

- 2/10 Compliments of the season? It screams myrrh all over the place (5,9)
- 3 Opening in the year of the Lord's first coming (6)