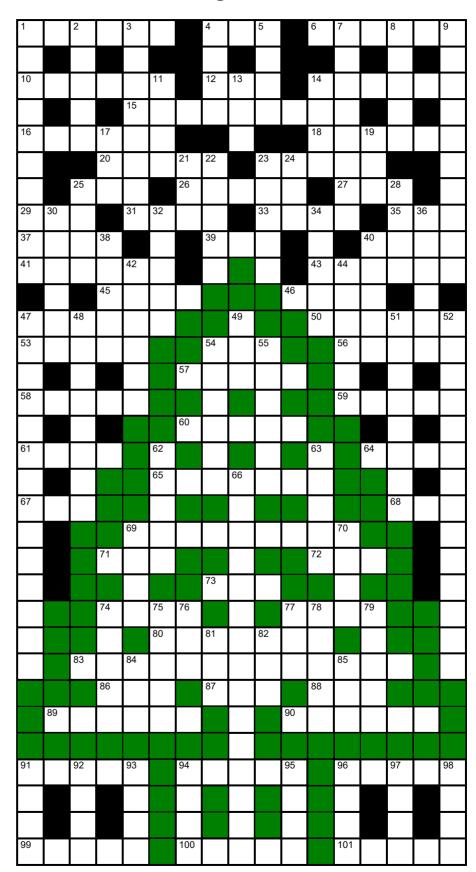
Christmas Challenge 2021

Across

- 1 Loads of services like this at midnight (6)
- 4 There was no room for Mary and Joseph here (3)
- 6 Christmas drink (6)
- 10 Flowering trees (6)
- 12 Pronoun used in the Straits of Gibraltar (3)
- 14 -----, in excelsis Deo (6)
- 15 Type of property ownership (9)
- 16 One of the courses of a meal (6)
- 18 A major thoroughf are that bears important traffic (6)
- **20** Publish (5)
- 23 Animal with types such as flying and ring-tailed (5)



- 25 Colourful ornamenta l carp (3)26 Healthier
- 26 Healthier alternative to Christmas dinner (5)
- 27 Name for a knight (3)
- 29 Added to soft drinks (3)
- 31 Copies animals (4)
- 33 Man who saw the first rainbow (4)
- 35 Uncle Sam (1,1,1)
- 37 American law enforceme nt officer (4)
- 39 The mother of all the living (3)
- **40** Lean (4)
- **41** Parts of 36 Down (6)
- 43 Shares opinions with zero longings! (6)
- 45 Main characters in the film 'Flushed Away' (4)

- 46 Having no name (4)
- 47 -----Bells; Christmas song (6)
- Conventi onal place in Switzerlan d (6)
- 53 Warning sign in a TV studio (2-3)
- 54 Digit found at the end of a bat (3)
- 56 Used a keyboard (5)
- 57 Christmas drink (5)
- 58 These are often cut and sometimes painted (5)
- 59 Police, we hear, in the undergrow th (5)
- 60 Ask us about these seabirds (5)
- 61 Wintry weather (4)
- 64 Where the wise men came from (4)

- 65 Short excursion (3,4)
- 67 Part of the shoreline larger than a cove (3)
- from a
 Christmas
 song: '--Lord we
 greet thy,
 born that
 happy
 morning'
 (3)
- 69 The largest island in the world (9)
- 71 Female deer (3)
- 72 How many geese were alaying in the Christmas song? (3)
- **73** Arctic ---; animal (3)
- 74 Soldier hides in asparagus (4)
- 77 Animal doctors (4)
- 80 Not a card game for the young! (3.4)

- 83 Well known 101. Across (4,2,1,6)
- **86** Historical period (3)
- 87 Word
 used in a
 general
 manner
 within the
 Grand
 Canyon
 (3)
- 88 Word that can come after cauliflowe r, glue and elephant (3)
- 89 Arctic -----;
 geographi
 c feature
 (6)
- 90 Large Australian city (6)
- 91 Portable source of light (5)
- 94 Arctic ----; geographi c feature (5)
- 96 Animal that ate and drank all of Sophie and her mother's food and

drink (5)

- 99 Word that follows agency, district and staff (5)
- 100 Of the nose (5)
- 101 Sung at church at Christmas (5)

Down

- 1 Christmas drink (6,4)
- 2 Divided Croatian City? (5)
- 3 Slice ace terribly into a church! (8)
- 4 Wading bird (4)
- **5** Food (4)
- 7 Sudden bonanza that gives an opportunit y to make money (4,4)
- Scandina vian (5)
- 9 Found on Christmas dinner tables (5,5)
- 11 Views (4)
- 13 Afternoon
 ---; light
 daytime
 meal (3)

- 14 Smart and elegant (4)
- 17 Host of the 2016 Summer Olympics (3)
- Abbrevia tion for a race involving swimming , cycling and running (3)
- 21 Employ (3)
- 22 Artist's stand (5)
- 23 Found in a bowling alley (5)
- 24 Old name for Tokyo (3)
- 25 Restrict, we hear, the edge of the road (4)
- 28 An old wrecked building (4)
- 30 Swiss 16thcentury theologian (6)
- **32** A place to ski (5)
- 34 Mango smashed in the middle of other things (5)

- **36** Part of a coat (6)
- 38 Queen Elizabeth II's favourite type of dog (5)
- 40 Thin and metallic in sound (5)
- 42 Animal from the Pole (6)
- Describi ng sonnets and verse (6)
- 47 His birth was foretold by an angel (4,3,7)
- 48 To appear in this is vanity, it seems!
 Somewhat confusingly (8)
- **49** Born to Mary (3)
- 51 Day
 celebratin
 g the visit
 of the
 wise men
 to see
 Jesus (8)
- 52 Christmas item that hides pictures and/or gifts (6,8)

- 54 Found on Christmas dinner tables (6)
- 55 Pastry that is usually filled with cream (6)
- 62 O come, let us -----Him; line from a 101 Across (5)
- 63 What a bowler does in cricket (5)
- 66 Tablets provide rules for living! (3,12)
- **69** Spanish painter (4)
- 70 Usually started in January (4)
- 74 In maths, it shows the number of times a number is multiplied by itself (5)
- 75 Once in ---- David's
 city; 101
 Across (5)
- 76 Famous boxer (3)
- 77 By way of (3)

- 78 Surname, for example of actress Beatie (5)
- **79** Back of a ship (5)
- 81 The part of a living being that carries genetic informatio n (1,1,1)
- Johnson; the first woman to fly solo from London to Australia (3)
- **84** Part of 89 Across (3)
- 85 One of the twelve tribes of Israel (3)
- 91 Arctic ----; bird (4)
- 92 Noise made by a lion (4)
- 93 Arctic ----; animal (4)
- 94 Home appliance used by many on Christmas Day (4)
- 95 Leon returned for Christmas (4)

- 96 Toiletry product (4)
- 97 Changed many times in the car, but only once a day in the house? (4)
- 98 Arctic ----; British dessert (4)