

ACROSS

- 1: Evergreen shrub
 4: Former British rule over India
 7: Tiny farm worker?
 10: Type of hoop
 11: Mimic
 12: Horse color
 14: Gift to the poor
 15: Way off aways
 16: Tractor-trailer
 17: Like many a teenager's room
 19: Santa's team leader?
 21: Leo's mo.
 23: ___ Antonio
 24: Stipend for some workers during a walkout
 28: When doubled, a Latin dance
 31: Command to Fido
 32: Vinegar's partner
 33: Pursues, romantically
 34: Conclusion
 35: Seasonal sentiments
 37: 'To' and 'From' indicator
 38: Bell, Kettle, and Barker
 39: Like the choirs in "O Come, All Ye Faithful"
 43: Unleaded brew
 47: Night light
 48: One who floats like a butterfly and stings like a bee?
 50: Manger visitors
 51: Editor's mark
 52: Turkey time, briefly
 53: Always
 54: Banned pesticide
 55: Maxwell Smart, for one
 56: Homer Simpson's neighbor Flanders

DOWN

- 1: Christmas season
 2: Shady trees
 3: Festive Christmas beverage
 4: WWII flyers
 5: On ___ with (as good as)
 6: Holy city
 7: Result of a burning desire?
 8: Christmas carol
 9: Pack, as a pipe
 10: Christmas dinner splurge
 13: Medical research agcy.
 18: Big laugh
 20: Dawn to dusk
 22: Jimmy Carter and family
 24: That girl
 25: Decimal system base
 26: Uniform color for a jolly old elf

- 27: Chocolate pecan or mince
 28: Not pro
 29: Certain big motorcycle, slangily
 30: Creature often depicted in a Nativity scene
 33: Another name for 50 Across
 35: Pump unit: abbr.
 36: Smidgen
 37: You can believe it
 39: Common conjunction
 40: Must have
 41: Gift of 50 Across
 42: Hoof-on-cobblestone sound
 44: Place for bats or Batman
 45: Like sharp cheddar
 46: Good choice for a Christmas tree
 49: Green church wall climber

