

## ACROSS

- 8 Continue longer than expected (7)  
9 Instrument played in a string quartet (5)  
10 Cathedral cleric (5)  
11 Chocolate cake popular at Christmas (4,3)  
12 Even so, all the same (12)  
16 Done using your own money (4-8)  
20 Flexible (7)  
23 Sharp pinch (5)  
24 Shut (5)  
25 Crucially important (7)

## DOWN

- 1 Large shell (5)  
2 Have good intentions (4,4)  
3 Bright colour (6)  
4 Feeling of grudging admiration (4)  
5 Progress as a species (6)  
6 Pitch, in cricket (4)  
7 Playful (7)  
13 Convert into leather (3)  
14 Last man in at cricket (8)  
15 Inner distinctive nature (7)  
17 More appropriate (6)  
18 Local inhabitant (6)  
19 Lurk (5)  
21 Shortly (4)  
22 Just about manage (4)

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