

Christmas in Great Britain

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Christmas traditions

- In Great Britain people like to prepare for Christmas. They cook food, send Christmas cards, decorate their houses and churches, prepare gifts. Everyone is busy even the children.



Christmas started in the 4th century.



**In America and
Great Britain
Christmas is
celebrated on the
25th of December**

Many festivals and holidays in Britain are very old. Every town, village in Britain has its own traditions, some of them are carefully planned.



Christmas Tree

The tradition to decorate the Christmas tree appeared in Germany. English queen Victoria liked the idea to decorate a fir-tree, and in the 19th century this tradition came to Britain. Now all British family decorate the tree with toys, balls, sweets. And this tradition became popular in many countries.



Santa Claus

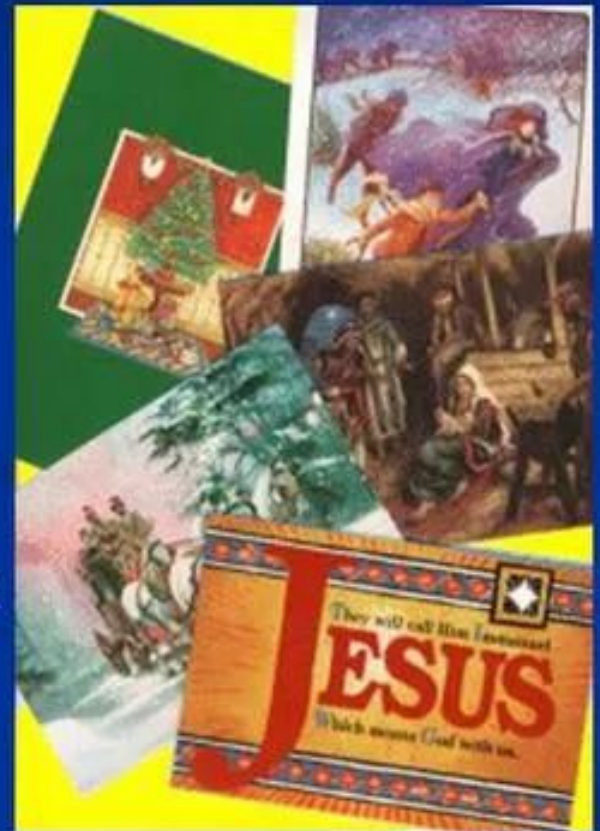


Santa Claus, also called Santa, Father Christmas (in Britain), or Kriss Kringle (in America) is an imaginary old man in red clothes and with a long white beard.



Christmas cards

- British people send a lot of Christmas cards to their friends and relatives.
- Christmas cards can show religious pictures - Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus. Today, they often have jokes, winter pictures, Father Christmas.



Christmas Stocking



Children hang
Christmas stockings
on the beds or near
the fireplace.

Wreath



A **wreath** is an assortment of flowers, leaves, fruits, twigs or various materials that is constructed to resemble a ring.

In English-speaking countries, wreaths are used typically as household ornaments, mainly as an Advent and Christmas decoration



A typical Christmas lunch includes turkey with cranberry sauce and pudding. Usually a coin or two are hidden inside the pudding and part of the fun is to see who finds it.



MERRY CHRISTMAS

