

# 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



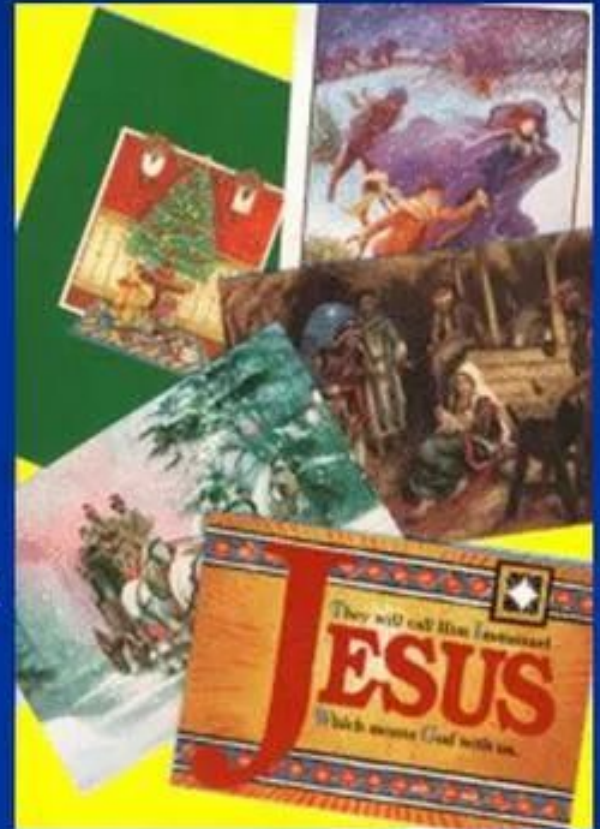
Santa Claus, also called Santa, Father Christmas (in Britain), or Kriss Kringle (in America) is an imaginary old man in red clothes and with a long white beard.





# 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

