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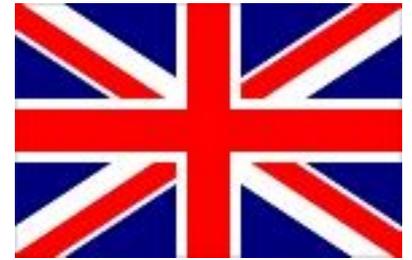
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CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS



***Christmas is coming and
knocking at the door...***



WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS!



Christmas Day

is observed on *the 25th of December.*

Christmas was once a movable feast celebrated many different times during the year. It was the Pope Julius I in the 4th century AD who chose December 25 to celebrate Christmas.



Holly, Mistletoe and Other Evergreens

- evergreens have been a part of mid-winter festivals long before Christmas
- they played a symbolic part because they stayed green and alive when other plants appeared dead and bare
- they symbolized everlasting life and hope for the return of spring



Queen Victoria

The Christmas tree gained popularity in England under Queen Victoria, because of the influence of her husband, Prince Albert, who was German.



The Christmas Tree

- represents the Tree of Life from which Adam and Eve ate and as a result were banished from the garden of Eden
- stands for the eternal life of Christ
- is decorated with blown-glass ornaments, tin angels, paper chains, fairy lights, small toys, candles and cornucopias filled with sugar plums and decorations



Holly

- Meaning: evergreen shrubs and trees usually having prickly dark shiny leaves and red berries.
- Is known as the Holy Tree.
- It promises everlasting life, because it bears berries in winter.



Advent Wreath

- *A ring-shaped garland of leaves and flowers (usually holly)*
- *People hang wreath on a door as a decoration at Christmas*
- *It is hung outside the door for the whole period of Advent*



Mistletoe

- It has magic and healing properties
- It gives protection from thunder and lightning
- This plant holds magic power which gives life and fertility, protects against disease
- English people put it above the door and kiss under it



Christmas or Xmas?

- *The word for Christ in Greek is Xristos*
- *The use of shortened form “Xmas” became popular in Europe in the 1500s*



It's Christmas, Merry Christmas!



Christmas brings to mind all that's most wonderful in life...

Christmas Stockings



Beneath the Mistletoe...



Christmas Cards



Our Assembly



Our Party



Santa's Reindeer



The Christ Child



Christmas tree



Carol-Singing at X-mas



A Key:

1. c
2. e
3. b
4. f
5. d
6. a

**DO YOU BELIEVE
IN THESE
SUPERSTITIONS?**

**ARE THERE ANY SIMILAR
CHRISTMAS OR HOLIDAY
SUPERSTITIONS
IN YOUR COUNTRY?**

Jingle Bells

by John Pirpont, 1857



The True Christmas Poem

by Jim Smith

- **C** is for the **Christ child** lying in a manger.
- **H** is for the **Holy** one who saved us all from danger.
- **R** is to **remember** him who died that we may live.
- **I** is to **Inspire** us that we may always give.
- **S** is for Joyful **Songs** and **sacred** hymns that praise.
- **T** is to **Thank the Lord** for showing us the way.
- **M** is for **Miracles** that bless us each day.
- **A** is for **Almighty** who always puts us first.
- **S** is for the **Shepherd** who guides us on the Earth



Happy Christmas to You!!!



Wishing You
a Merry Christmas
and a
Prosperous
New Year!



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