

New Year in Great Britain.



**In England not all people celebrate New Year.
Those who do celebrate it on the 31st of
December.**



A lot of people go to Trafalgar Square to see the Christmas tree. They have a New Year party at home. On that day they wish their dearest and nearest a "Happy New Year".



The 1st of January, New Year's Day, is a big holiday in Scotland. People do not work on that day, and children do not go to school.



**Scottish people
celebrate New
Year's Eve in every
family.**

**Friends usually
come on that day.
They have a good
dinner. After dinner
there are apples,
other fruit, and
different sweets to
eat.**



Then all the family and the friends begin to play games and dance.

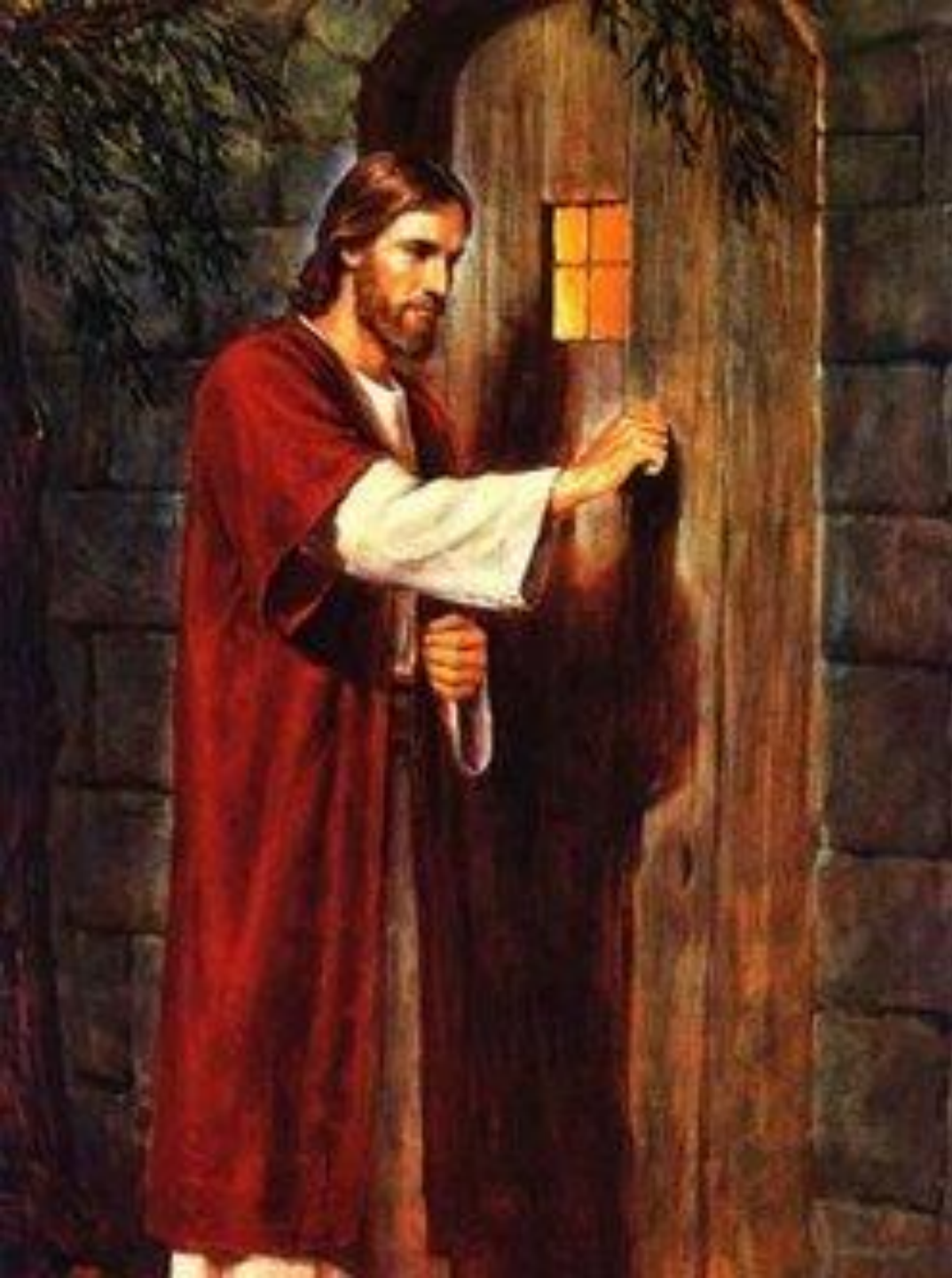


**Before 12 o'clock at night many people
in the towns go out into the streets to
dance and to sing Scottish songs.**



When the town clocks begin to strike twelve, the people cross their arms, join hands and sing the famous Scottish song "Auld Lang Syne". It is about the old days and friendship between people.





Then people wish a Happy New Year to all and go home to meet the first-footers.

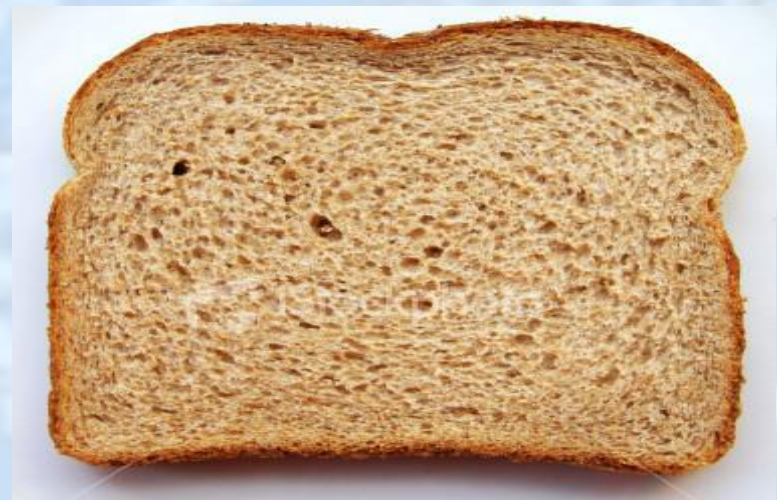
A first-footer is a man who comes first to a house on the 1st of January, on New Year's Day.



Long ago people thought that a man who comes first to a house on New Year's Day will bring good luck to the family, if he is a friend.



Today the first-footer must be a man with dark hair and he must bring with him a little piece of coal, a little money and a little piece of bread. These things show that the family will be warm and they will have food and money all the year.



**I also wish you good luck and a
Happy New Year!**



Thank you for your attention!

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