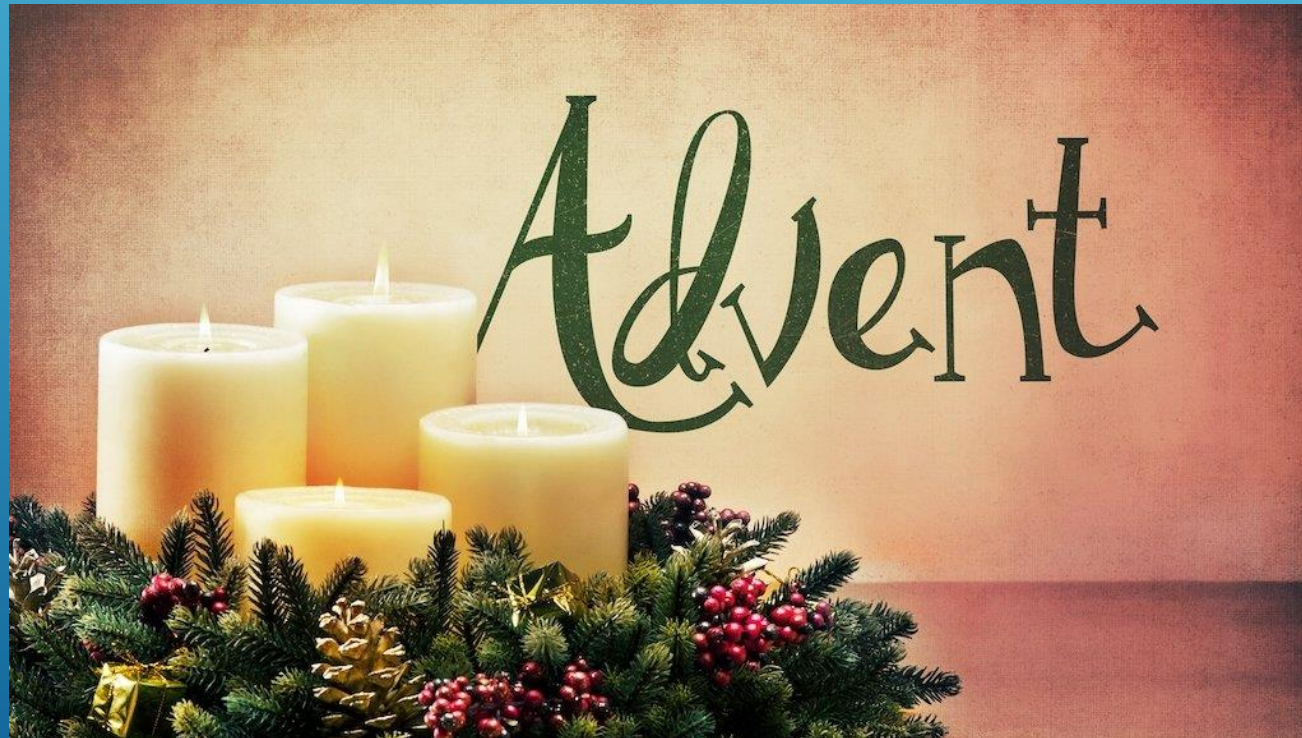


CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS IN GREAT BRITAIN



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- ▶ Christmas is celebrated on 25th December. The pre-Christmas period is called Advent.
- ▶ It starts four weeks before the holiday.



► Christmas Day is a family holiday. Traditionally, British people decorate their houses and Christmas Trees.





ADVENT WREATH AND ADVENT CALENDAR

THE SYMBOL OF ADVENT IS A WREATH WITH 4 CANDLES, EACH OF WHICH IS LIT ONE AT A TIME EVERY SUNDAY.

A SPECIAL CALENDAR USED TO COUNT THE DAYS OF ADVENT. TODAY, THEY ARE MOSTLY MADE FOR CHILDREN.

CHILDREN WRITE LETTERS TO SANTA

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Letter to Santa**

Dear Santa –

This year I have been naughty/nice. (circle one)

For Christmas this year, I would like:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

Love,



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GREENERY

IVY, HOLLY MISTLE

PEOPLE IN BRITAIN LIKE TO DECORATE
THEIR HOUSES WITH
THESE GREEN PLANTS



CAROLS

CAROLS ARE SPECIAL CHRISTMAS SONGS.
PEOPLE SING
THEM IN CHURCHES AND IN THE STREETS.



Christingle



EACH PERSON TAKES A CHRISTINGLE AND THE CANDLES ARE ALL LIT TO CREATE A WARM, MAGICAL GLOW SYMBOLIZING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST AND BRINGING HOPE TO PEOPLE LIVING IN DARKNESS.

CHRISTINGLES ARE MADE USING ORANGES AND A FEW OTHER BITS, AS YOU CHOOSE.

YOU LIGHT THE CANDLE AT THE END OF A SERVICE TO SPREAD A MAGICAL GLOW AROUND EVERYONE.

EACH ELEMENT OF A CHRISTINGLE HAS A SPECIAL MEANING AND HELPS TO TELL THE CHRISTIAN STORY:

THE ORANGE REPRESENTS THE WORLD

THE RED RIBBON (OR TAPE) SYMBOLIZES THE LOVE AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

THE SWEETS AND DRIED FRUIT REPRESENT ALL OF GOD'S CREATIONS

THE LIT CANDLE REPRESENTS JESUS'S LIGHT IN THE WORLD, BRINGING HOPE TO PEOPLE LIVING IN DARKNESS.



CHRISTMAS DINNER

IN BRITAIN THE MAIN CHRISTMAS MEAL IS SERVED AT ABOUT 2 IN THE AFTERNOON. THE CENTERPIECE IS TRADITIONALLY A ROAST TURKEY, STUFFED AND SERVED WITH CRANBERRY SAUCE (OR GRAVY, OR BREAD SAUCE) AND TRIMMINGS. THE LATTER USUALLY INCLUDE ROAST POTATOES, BACON-WRAPPED CHIPOLATAS (YUMMY!), BRUSSEL SPROUTS (A MUST FOR THE OLDER GENERATION) AND OTHER VEG LIKE CARROTS AND PARSNIPS.



BOXING DAY

BOXING DAY IN THE UNITED KINGDOM IS THE DAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY AND FALLS ON DECEMBER 26. BOXING DAY IS A DAY TO SPEND WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS AND TO EAT UP ALL THE LEFTOVERS OF CHRISTMAS DAY. MANY PEOPLE TRAVEL TO VISIT FAMILY OR FRIENDS IN THIS PERIOD.



MERRY CHRISTMAS!

