

# Christmas Traditions in England



In England, Christmas is a happy time for families and friends. People start decorating their homes in December with Christmas trees, lights, and wreaths. Many hang mistletoe, a plant that is thought to bring good luck, and people kiss under it. Children often use Advent

calendars to count the days until Christmas, opening small doors to find chocolates or toys.

On Christmas Eve, children are very excited. They hang stockings near the fireplace or on their beds and hope that Santa Claus (Father Christmas) will bring them presents. Families leave mince pies and a drink for Santa, and a carrot for his reindeer. Some people go to church for Midnight Mass to remember the story of Christmas.

Christmas Day is full of fun and food. In the morning, families open their presents. Later, they eat a big meal with turkey, potatoes, vegetables, and gravy. For dessert, they enjoy Christmas pudding, a sweet and fruity cake. At the table, people pull Christmas crackers. These are small tubes with surprises inside, like toys, hats, and jokes.



The day after Christmas is Boxing Day, a time to relax and visit friends. Many people go shopping because there are big sales in stores. Others watch sports like football or horse racing. Christmas in England is a time for love, sharing, and happiness