



*Christmas
traditions
in the UK*



Decorations

Christmas tree

British, like many other nations decorate a Christmas tree. Most people doesn't even know that this tradition came from Germany in ninetieth century.



Greenery

In the UK many decorations are made of greenery i.e. holly or ivy. The most known are Christmas hangs put on the door.



Kissing under the mistletoe

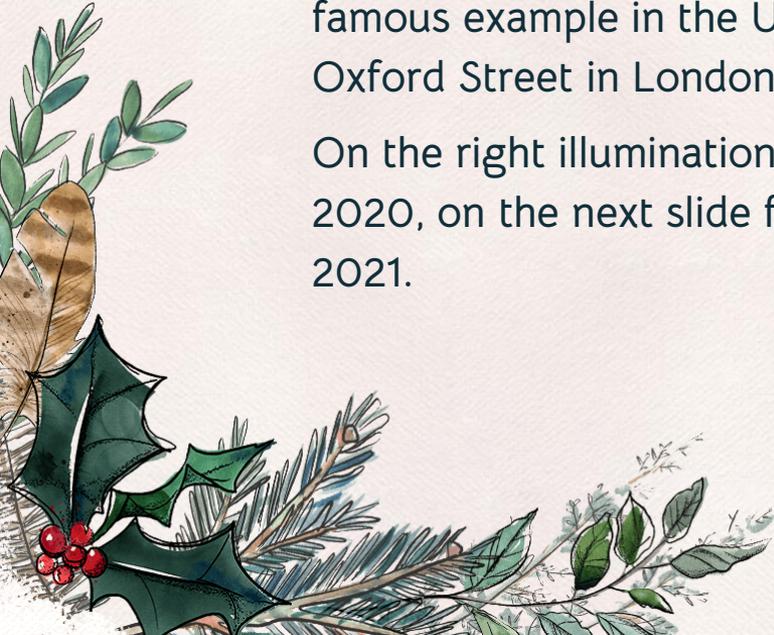
Despite that tradition on decorating houses with mistletoe comes from pre-Christian times, kissing under it was not widely practiced until nineteenth century.



Christmas lights

Many towns and cities are decorated with lights. The most famous example in the UK is Oxford Street in London.

On the right illuminations from 2020, on the next slide from 2021.





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Food

Christmas Meal

It is usually eaten in the early afternoon on Christmas Day. It generally contains roast turkey and vegetables, but also sausages, bacon and brussel sprouts.



Desserts

For desserts are mostly preferred pudding, chocolate and trifle (on the right) which is made in a bowl where are put sponge cake, fruits, jelly and cream.



Christmas Cake

The UK is also known for Christmas Cakes. They are usually fruit cakes with marzipan and icing.



Christmas Crackers

They are a Christmas favourite in the UK. Introduced in nineteenth century sweets remain British symbol of Christmas to this day.





Activities

Nativity Plays and Carols

Nativity Plays and Carol Services are very popular in the UK. Most famous Carol Service is the 'Service of Nine Lessons and Carols' broadcasted on Christmas Eve.



Pantomime

Pantomime is the favourite type of theatrical performance during Christmas time in the UK. It is mostly entertainment for children because children's fairy stories are generally played.



Presents

Children believe that Santa Claus or Father Christmas leaves presents for them in stockings or pillow cases. A few days before holidays they write letters with requests.



The Queen's Christmas Message

At 3.00pm on Christmas Day message from Queen Elisabeth II is broadcasted via radio, TV and internet.

[Link to the message from 2020](#)



Boxing Day

Now Boxing Day is celebrated as a second day of Christmas. The name comes from Middle Ages when alms boxes in churches had been opened and money were being distributed to the poor.



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Thank you for your attention

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