

Did you know that not all Christians celebrate Christmas on the same day? In countries with large populations of Orthodox Christians*, such as Russia, the Ukraine and Romania, Christmas Day falls on seventh January. Some Greek Orthodox Christians celebrate Christmas on seventh January, too.

Come Christmas, people around the world enjoy all kinds of jolly-good fun! Many of the festive traditions we have in the UK today came about in the Victorian era – such as Christmas cards, gift-giving and crackers, as well as traditional foods like mince pies and roast turkey! Queen Victoria and her husband Prince Albert were huge fans of Christmas, in fact!

Christmas trees also became popular in Victorian Britain. But these were first seen in sixteenth Century Germany where, at Christmas time, people decorated fir trees with fruit and nuts – and later sweets, paper shapes and candles. Amazingly, historians think the origins of this festive tradition may date back to the Romans and Ancient Egyptians, who used evergreen plants and garlands as symbols of everlasting life. Wow!

Source national geographical kids



Wow, it's the ghost of Christmas past. If you are reading this, stop! Pay attention to the play, there's some really good acting right below this. You are trying to read ancient looking text written by an artist with dyslexia circa two weeks before you are watching this play which is no where near as nice as just listening to the script written by talented writer and director, Spike.

Or, you can look at my amazing illustrations, did you know I did all of these? Me, Fern. Hehe, I did a weird amount of research for these but I am hoping if someone very knowledgeable about Victorian culture is in the audience that they won't immediately be like "ew these suck and remind me of nothing Victorian".

I hope that but also I did take liberties with the colour schemes because artistic vision.

Also the amazing shadow puppetry by Catherine? Isn't that so cool?! We looked at so much cool symbolism.

Christmas is weird right, like I believe in God but why did we coopt Celtic traditions? and not credit them, I mean I know the reason is colonisation... omg its colonization, everything is colonisation!!

Am I going to have a crisis next time I go to church?

Which is argueably a very good place to have a crisis, the answer is on most of the stained glass windows.

Duh genuinely, stop reading, watch the acting, and hopefully you can't even read this because I will be good enough at my job that it's so hard to read you don't try, I just need filler text and this is incredibly amusing to me!

I am entirely running out of things to say! Oh I know, tea about the cast!

The guy playing Fred is mid at board games, the Caroller is a bit better...

Marley sleeps on dinosaur bedding.. I have run out of tea, I spent most of the time in another city.

"The spirit of Christmas Past. Both of Ebenezer's past and of the world itself. They are midwinter, and saturnalia, and Yule. They are what Christmas was before Christmas."



“I fear the charity I offered, would be to your... victims” — Belle



*“His guide will be the exuberant, but all too short lived, Ghost of Christmas Present.
She is the thunderous sound of the here and now.”*