

Yusuhara a Home from Home: 9. Christmas Time

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December marks the end of a year with not one but two major holidays and events Christmas and New Year. Christmas is an important holiday celebrated all over the world on December 25th. Although its origins began within Christianity and the birth of Jesus, today many people celebrate it as a time for family and loved ones coming together. In western countries including England, there are many ways to celebrate Christmas from sending Christmas cards to other people, watching nativity plays and pantomimes, writing Christmas lists for Santa, singing carols, giving and receiving presents and eating traditional food.

Christmas traditionally begins with Advent, which is the time of waiting for the arrival of Christmas. During Advent preparations for the holiday begin. This includes decorating houses, putting up a Christmas tree and lights, wrapping presents and taking time off work. Advent is a countdown to Christmas.

Although there are many traditions some are more common than others (some families even have their own special traditions) one thing is universal and that is being with family. Unfortunately

there are some every year who are unable to do so, but this Christmas marks the end of a particularly difficult year where significantly more are not able to join in. It is during these times many seek comfort and want to be part of something. Please help others if you can, it may make all the difference. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



2020 Christmas lights – Regent Street, London. I wish we all would be able to celebrate the event in a much safer situation next year!