

Dec 4. The Traditions of Christmas

Christmas is not going to be quite the same this year for most of us, our well loved traditions and times with family may change a little. It has been a hard year.

As we look forward to Christmas in our family our usual traditions may change a little. We love to decorate the house with lights and sometimes too many decorations! We bake fudge for our friends and neighbours, eating too many sweets and watching the same Christmas films over and over (my personal favourite is Christmas with the Kranks!) We take walks and look at all the lights and trees in the houses nearby. We have friends and neighbours in for mincemeat pies, not this year though!

We may not see everyone this year, sing the carols we love with our friends, see our little ones in nativity plays and concerts, but the true meaning of Christmas started with a family alone in a cold dark stable: Jesus the Saviour of the world came to bring us hope. Hope that nothing in this world can change, hope that brings forgiveness, love, peace to our troubled world. Hope that can come into each of our hearts, "for God so loved the world that He gave His only Son".

It is my prayer for my family and yours that this Christmas we will see Jesus .