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# Enchanting stamps set the tone of the festive season

Carolling, like sharing gifts, pulling crackers and tucking into a roast turkey, has long been a joyous staple of the festive season. From traditional British and European folk songs to stirring hymns, many of Britain's best-loved Christmas carols boast rich and fascinating cultural origins.

We're celebrating this longstanding history with a new set of stunning Special Stamps and souvenirs capturing the spirit of the nation's favourite festive songs.

Five stamps feature evocative artwork from illustrator Tom Duxbury, whose unique block-printing techniques bring to life a charming combination of scenes inspired by famous carol lyrics. Explore the diverse heritage of these popular Christmas carols inside a bumper Presentation Pack and herald the festive spirit with a range of personalised collectibles featuring specially commissioned artwork.

Join us as we sing the praises of a heart-warming seasonal tradition that continues to spread joy and brighten the winter months.



## 1 Mint Stamp Set | AS10800 £7.70

- Five new stamps celebrate Christmas 2023 with exclusive artwork from illustrator Tom Duxbury, a specialist in block printing.
- Popular lyrics from five traditional Christmas carols are set against vibrant illustrations inspired by the themes of these festive favourites.
- Five landscape stamps, one Second Class, one Second Class Large, one First Class, one First Class Large, and one £2.20.

**Second Class** *O Holy Night*

**Second Class Large** *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

**First Class** *Silent Night*

**First Class Large** *Away in a Manger*

**£2.20** *We Three Kings*

### Technical Details

**Stamp format** Landscape  
**Stamp size** 39mm x 30mm  
**Number per sheet** 50  
**Design** Steers McGillan Eves  
**Printer** Cartor Security Printers  
**Print process** Gravure  
**Perforations** 15 x 14.5  
**Phosphor** Bars as appropriate  
**Gum** Self-adhesive



## 2 Miniature Sheet | MZ193 £7.70

- A collectible keepsake featuring all five Christmas 2023 Special Stamps set against a striking background with a bespoke illustration of a shepherd watching his flock by artist Tom Duxbury alongside the issue's title.

**Second Class** *O Holy Night*

**First Class** *Silent Night*

**Second Class Large** *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

**First Class Large** *Away in a Manger*

**£2.20** *We Three Kings*

### Technical Details

**Stamp format** Landscape  
**Stamp size** 39mm x 30mm  
**Miniature Sheet size** 179mm x 74mm  
**Design** Steers McGillan Eves  
**Printer** Cartor Security Printers  
**Print process** Gravure  
**Perforations** 15 x 14.5  
**Phosphor** Bars as appropriate  
**Gum** Self-adhesive



### 3 First Day Cover – Miniature Sheet | MF185 £9.90

- The Christmas 2023 Miniature Sheet, personalised with the name, address and postmark of your choice.
- Stamps depicting memorable lyrics from Christmas carols appear on illustrator Tom Duxbury's bespoke artwork.
- Inside is an information card containing an overview of the issue and stamp specifications.
- Available until 2 November 2023.

## Choose your postmark

The Tallents house handstamp features an extract of the sheet music from *Silent Night*. The alternative handstamp includes a lyric from *O Holy Night* and the postal location Bethlehem, Llandeilo, a link to Jesus's birthplace of Bethlehem in the Nativity story.



### 4 First Day Envelope | AE465 £0.30

- The First Day Envelope for Christmas 2023 features a starry background alongside the issue title.

04 See the full range online at [royalmail.com/christmas2023](https://royalmail.com/christmas2023)



Only available until 2 November 2023

### 5 First Day Cover – Stamps | AF509 £9.90

- A unique, time-limited festive keepsake to treasure.
- All five Christmas 2023 stamps personalised with the name and address of your choice.
- Cancelled with your preferred special edition postmark on the first day of issue, 2 November 2023.
- Inside your First Day Envelope is an information card containing an overview of the issue and stamp specifications.
- Available until 2 November 2023.

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- 8 Collectors Sheet | AT153 £26.00
- A set of 20 of the festive stamps featuring exclusive artwork from illustrator Tom Duxbury are paired with labels depicting lyrics from the corresponding Christmas carols.
  - The self-adhesive stamps and labels are set against a delightful starry backdrop.



- 9 Presentation Pack | AP530 £8.60
- A charming souvenir packed with vibrant illustrations and fascinating stories exploring Christmas carolling traditions.
  - This bumper commemorative collectible contains all five Special Stamps from the Christmas 2023 issue.
  - A colourful keepsake charting the rich history and cultural origins of five popular Christmas carols.



## Bringing together a historic year of stamps

In a landmark year, 2023 saw the final Special Stamps bearing the familiar profile of Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and the first with King Charles' new silhouette.

Secure a fitting souvenir for this historic year with our Annual Collections which showcase the stamps, stories and images from all of our 2023 themes. All items will be despatched from 7 December.

### 10 2023 Yearpack | AR076 £230

- Contains every 2023 Special Stamp and Miniature Sheet.\*
- Presented in a decorative protective folder.
- Includes specifications and postmarks for every stamp issue.



Includes more than £225 worth of stamps

### 11 2023 Yearbook | AY129 £250

- A full-colour, limited edition publication of only 5,000 individually numbered hardback books.
- Contains every 2023 Special Stamp and Miniature Sheet.\*
- The design of the 2023 Yearbook has been inspired by stamp perforations which become metaphorical portholes in the book, offering glimpses of the country's culture, history, landscape and people.
- Each of the year's subjects has a dedicated chapter with imagery and fascinating editorial insight from an expert in the field.



A limited edition of 5,000

### 12 2023 Year of Presentation Packs | PC036 £239

- Every 2023 Presentation Pack presented in a stylish leather-effect presentation case.
- Each issue features articles and imagery offering a fascinating insight into each stamp issue's theme.
- A stunning collectible for completists and enthusiasts.



Includes 15 Presentation Packs

### 13 2023 Year of Miniature Sheets | PC037 £64

- Featuring the 10 Miniature Sheets issued during 2023, beautifully displayed in a bespoke presentation pack.
- Mint stamps inside worth more than £60.



Includes more than £60 worth of stamps



#### 14 Set of 6 postcards | AQ346 £2.70

- A set of six postcards featuring striking enlarged versions of the Christmas 2023 Special Stamps and an enlargement of the Miniature Sheet.
- Perfect for sending during the festive season.



#### 15 Second Class Stamp Book | UB464 £6.00

- Eight Second Class self-adhesive *O Holy Night*-inspired stamps in a fold-out booklet.
- Perfect for sending Christmas cards.



#### 16 First Class Stamp Book | UB465 £10.00

- Eight First Class self-adhesive *Silent Night*-inspired stamps in a fold-out booklet.
- Perfect for sending Christmas cards.



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4	<b>First Day Envelope</b>	AE465	£0.30	£	
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	– Standard postmark	AF509	£9.90	£	
	– Alternative postmark	AF509	£9.90	£	
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