Who’s on the box

CHRISTMAS TV GUIDE

Essential 10-day listings for all your festive favourites

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December 23 to January 1
Don't miss the best of the box

Doctor Who
Christmas Day is a day to be avoided for the Doctor and the festive special finds him on a remote human-colonised planet in the Pacific. A crashed spaceship calls upon him for help - we find, he finds himself married with River Song.

BBC1 Christmas Day 5.10pm

Stick Man
Still confused about who your throwback to childhood animation is? Wonder no more as you're transported back to the days of yore! Join the adventures of our stick man as he gets back to the forest and his family.

STV Boxing Day 8.30pm

Dickensian
If you don't like a bit of history, Dickensian Christmas is not for you! You'll be as well crying over a London debutante as you are over any of the other stories. However, it's present and very much to come back for adults.

If you're into Victorian style, Dickensian brings together some of the author's best-known characters - including Scrooge, Fagin and Miss Havisham.

STV Dec 27 8.30pm

Fungus the Bogeyman
As a Christmas special, Fungus the Bogeyman seems to have been forgotten. However, this is a classic of its kind, and surely worth a watch.

BBC1 Christmas Day 4.45pm

Sherlock
A Christmas special is always welcome, but this one is different! Follow Sherlock and Watson as they solve the case of the missing stolen Christmas jumper!

DOC Box Day 10.15pm

Call the Midwife
It's Christmas Day in Poplar, East End, London, and the nuns are all under pressure. Can they deliver the baby in time? And what happens to the other patients?

BBC1 Christmas Day 7.00pm

Strictly Christmas Special
Deck the halls with glitter balls as the Christmas Special of Strictly Come Dancing begins. The show returns to us in full swing, including Abbey Clancy, Alfonso Herrera, Karen Hauer, Janette Manrara, Tom Chambers and Abbey Clancy. The former Royal Marine who won the People's Choice for Comic Relief, these professional partners include Pasha Kovalev, Brendan Cole and Robin Windsor.

BBC1 Christmas Day 11.00pm

And Then There Were None
Agatha Christie's best-selling crime novel comes to life on Christmas Day. Tom Brynner and his wife are invited to an island for the holidays. When they arrive, they are,set to die. There are ten other guests who have not read the book, and the rest are who have.

They are stuck with each other, plus a terrible crime and plotted by one. Featuring: Martin Clunes, Alice Temperley, Revel Horwood, and others.

BBC1 Boxing Day 9.00pm

Downton Abbey
Happiness and heartbreak as the family and servants of Downton Abbey celebrate Christmas in style. Regular cast members include Maggie Smith, Michelle Dockery, Elizabeth McGovern and Joanne Froggatt.

And they'll be joined by guest stars including James Purefoy, who plays Lord Gillingham, Max Brown as Lord Edith’s fiancé, and more. They all gather at Downton Abbey for the traditional Christmas celebration, with Lady Rose and Edith attending. As the evening unfolds, some unexpected twists and turns will be revealed.

STV Christmas Day 9.00am