

Monday, December 25

ON THIS DAY



▲ **Good wishes are exchanged as Christmas Day celebrations are held**

1758: The comet portrayed by at least one medieval artist as the Star of Bethlehem reappeared as predicted by astronomer Edmund Halley, after whom it was subsequently named

1818: *Silent Night* was sung for the first time at a church in Austria

1914: British and German soldiers exchanged cigarettes and played football in an unofficial Christmas truce in the trenches of the First World War

1995: Palestinian Christians celebrated Christmas in Bethlehem for the first time in 28 years