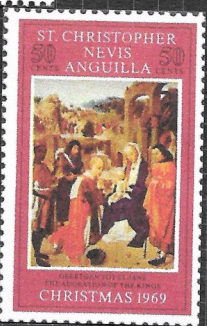
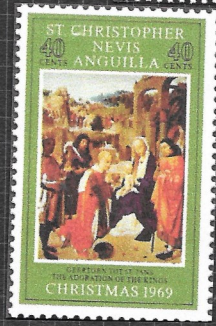
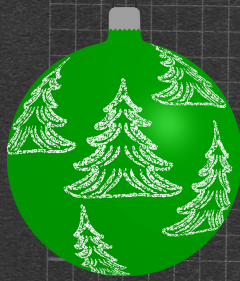
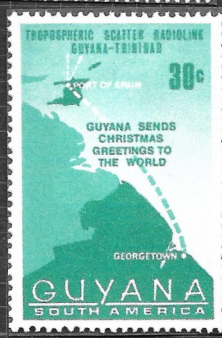
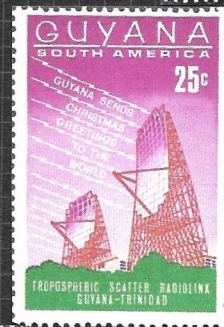
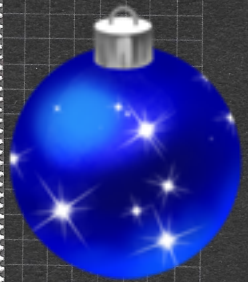
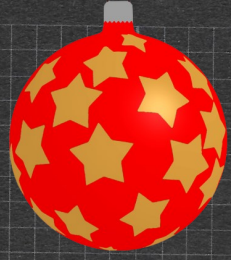


# Festive Greetings to all Stamp collecting Friends! A Philatelic Caribbean Christmas Quiz



1. Which Caribbean island was the first to issue Christmas stamps in 1967?
2. The second Caribbean country to issue Christmas stamps in 1967 found they were so popular that they were reissued in the following January. What was unusual about these stamps?
3. When Guyana issued its Christmas stamps in 1968 they celebrated a communications link with another Caribbean country—which one?
4. Why were Anguilla Christmas stamps produced in two varieties in 1968?
5. Most islands did eventually produce a Christmas stamp in the period 1968 to 1970—but one island did not...in fact it only issued a Christmas stamp in 1983. Which island?
6. Whilst postage stamps were not issued until the late 1960's some islands did sell Christmas Greeting labels/seals in the 1950's. What were these?
7. Christmas Greeting labels were sometimes advertised with a postmark. Can you think of an early example?
8. Other islands advertised "Post early for Christmas" from the 1940's onwards. Do you know of an example?
9. In 1969 one island used decorative Christmas overprints on definitive stamps from the previous year, which island?
10. Another island just overprinted their 1968 Christmas stamps with the date 1969, which island?
11. In 1972 one island produced a Christmas stamp on 15 January ...either a bit late or very early...which island?
12. Name the island that produced a booklet of Christmas stamps in 1970. This island, having not produced Christmas stamps previously, even offered Christmas postcards.

Find the answers in the following pages, and have a wonderful Holiday Season.





## All of these stamps are illustrated on the Christmas trees

**St Lucia** was the first island to produce two Christmas stamps, designed and photographed by Harrison on 16 October 1967. They were priced at 4c and 25c and both featured the Raphael painting Madonna and Child.

**Guyana** issued a pair of Christmas stamps on 6 November 1967. The stamps proved so popular that they were reissued, in different colours on 22 January 1968. Unusually the stamps were not religious. Designed by Des Whiteley and photographed by Harrison the stamps featured “Millie the multilingual parrot” who had appeared and sworn in several languages at Expo 67.

**Guyana** again produced an unusual Christmas stamp on 1 November 1968 - designed by Ling Pritchard it marked Guyana’s radio line to Trinidad being used for Christmas greetings.

**Anguilla** issued a Christmas series, on 18 November 1968. (John Lister Ltd Litho) featuring the Wise Men, Holy Family, the Manger, Shepherds and a donkey.

**St Kitts, Nevis and Anguilla** also issued a joint Christmas series on 27 November 1968 even though Anguilla had declared itself independent on 27 February 1967. Anguilla was only formally recognised as separate in 1971. The four stamps feature two nativity paintings by Botticelli (Mystic Nativity) and Rubens (The Adoration of the Magi). They were designed and photographed by Harrison.

**Grenada** followed on 3 December 1968. Their stamps (photo Harrison) were based on famous nativity artworks - Madonna and Child (Titian), Adoration of the Kings (Botticelli), and A Warrior Adoring (Catena). These stamps were again used on 23 December 1969 (a bit late for the seasonal post) overprinted 1969. Grenada completely missed Christmas with its stamps in 1971, which were not issued until 15 January 1972.

**Montserrat** issued Christmas stamps on 16 December 1968. The stamps (designed and photographed by Harrison—who seems to have been involved in the creation of a number of the Caribbean Christmas issues) feature religious nativity artworks by Murillo, and Botticelli.

**Dominica** also issued Christmas stamps (photo Delrieu) on 23 December 1968 (again a bit last minute for postage?) These stamps were also based on artworks - of the Madonna (byzantine). These stamps were only available as miniature sheets (two strips of each value).

**Anguilla** overprinted definitive stamps previously issued on 4 September 1967 (SG 17,25,26,27,28) with festive designs and “Christmas 1969” issuing these on 1 October 1969.

**Antigua** released Christmas stamps on 15 October 1969. The stamps featured stained-glass windows (a design adapted by V. Whiteley and Litho).

