

A Christmas Carol – what to watch over the festive season!

DATE	CHANNEL	TIME	TITLE OF PROGRAMME	YEAR MADE	EXTRA INFORMATION
Sat 23.12.17	Satellite 'Christmas Channel'	6.20pm	A Christmas Carol	2009	An animation with Jim Carrey as Scrooge.
Sun 24.12.17	Channel 5	4.15pm	Scrooge	1951	Black and white with Alistair Sim (played the Inspector in b/w version of An Inspector Calls) as Scrooge. An absolute classic – not to be missed.
Sun 24.12.17	Channel 4	6.30pm	A Muppet Christmas Carol	1992	For those who missed it in lessons the last week.
Sun 24.12.17	BBC 1	1.00am	Great Expectations	2012	ANOTHER DICKENS NOVEL AND GREAT FOR CONTEXT. Ralph Fiennes (played Voldemort in <i>Harry Potter</i> franchise) and Helena Bonham Carter (bad witch who killed Sirius Black and tried to kill Hermione!). Explores Dickens' key themes of poverty, class division, education and crime & punishment.
Mon 25.12.17	Channel 5	8.55am	Scrooge	1970	Musical version. Famous names of the 70s (Albert Finney, Kenneth More and Alec Guinness [the original Obi Wan Kenobi) star in this full colour spectacular.
Mon 25.12.17	Freeview 'Talking Pictures TV' [81]	9.20am	Scrooge	1935	Black and white - the first talking version of ACC ever made (previously just action and captions – hard to imagine, eh?). It's American and very sentimental but interesting nonetheless if you need something to occupy the grandparents on Christmas morning...
Mon 25.12.17	Channel 4	2.35pm	Scrooged	1988	A modern version featuring Bill Murray (one of the original Ghostbusters) as a hard hearted TV executive learning the true meaning of Christmas. Main ideas of novella explored through comedy – good fun.
Mon 25.12.17	Channel 5	3.10pm	Oliver!	1968	ANOTHER DICKENS NOVEL AND GREAT FOR CONTEXT. Musical version of <i>Oliver Twist</i> (great songs such as ' <i>Food, glorious food</i> '). Explores Dickens themes of crime/punishment, poverty (especially use of workhouses), class division.
Sat 30.12.17	BBC1	7.10pm	A Christmas Carol Goes Wrong	2017	A local amateur dramatic society is asked to put on a theatrical version for the BBC and - as the title suggests – lots of things go wrong during the performance (look out for what happens to Marley's chains...). Great for showing off your insider knowledge of novella to your parents and very funny to boot. My recorder is already poised...