

There are many things from which I might have derived good, by which I have not profited, I dare say,' returned the nephew. 'Christmas among the rest. But I am sure I have always thought of Christmas time, when it has come round—apart from the veneration due to its sacred name and origin, if anything belonging to it can be apart from that—as a good time: a kind, forgiving, charitable, pleasant time; the only time I know of, in the long calendar of the year, when men and women seem by one consent to open their shut-up hearts freely, and to think of people below them as if they really were fellow-passengers, and not another race of creatures bound on other journeys. And therefore, uncle, though it has never put a scrap of gold or silver in my pocket, I believe that it has done me good.

CHARLES DICKENS 'A CHRISTMAS CAROL'

# 5 COURSE PLANT BASED FESTIVE MENU

## Highclere Gin-and-tonic-cured carrot

Carrot and juniper dressing, winter leaves



#### Jerusalem artichoke soup

Whipped Périgord truffle vegan cream



## Festive wellington

Smoked olive oil roasties, roasted baby parsnips, port jus



### Spiced chocolate pebble

Caramel confetti, cranberry gel, ginger feuilletine crumble



#### Great British vegan cheeseboard

Clementine and fig chutney, cranberry and walnut loaf



## **Petits fours**

Coffee by Drury of London Tea by Tregothnan of Cornwall