

Christmas Eve 24 December



Pick of the Day

Martin's Close 10pm, BBC Four

This year's instalment of BBC Four's A Ghost Story for Christmas comes courtesy of MR James's 1911 tale of an upper-class young man on trial for the murder of a poor young girl, adapted with characteristic black humour by The League of Gentlemen's Mark Gatiss. Peter Capaldi stars as dour barrister for the prosecution Dolben, while Elliot Levey is the joyfully irreverent "hanging judge" George Jeffreys. Running at only a swift half an hour, Martin's Close cuts through the customary Christmas Eve merrymaking. **AK**

