

# Faith and Diversity Calendar 2015 – 2016



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## The University of Cambridge celebrates Diversity

**Black History Month Annual Race Equality Lecture 2014**  
Bonnie Greer OBE.  
Remembering the benefits of Multi-Cultural Britain' with Diversity

**Disability Lecture 2015**  
Writer and artist Jess Thom discussing 'Laughter as a Catalyst for Change'.

**International Women's Day**  
WOW Cambridge

**LGBT History Month**  
Annual Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Lecture 2015

The faiths represented in this calendar, along with the significant faith dates, are those of the six main religions as recognised in the UK Census 2011. Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information contained in this publication. Inclusion of a particular religion or belief does not constitute endorsement of the particular religion or belief by the University.

**Chaplaincy in Cambridge**  
Leadership within the University's many faith communities often takes the form of Chaplaincy. Chaplains are appointed internally by Colleges and University Societies, and externally by denominations and mission agencies. Where faith traditions do not appoint a Chaplain, the Chaplain to University Staff is pleased to offer a first point of contact.

**Chaplaincy contact details**  
 Buddhism: Dr Rachael Harris, Buddhist Society Chaplain: mh1001@cam.ac.uk  
 Christianity: Rev'd Peter Hayler, Chaplain to University Staff: chaplain@gsm.cam.ac.uk  
 Hinduism: Dr Vick Krishnan: chaplainvick@gmail.com  
 Islam: Cambridge University Islamic Society: islamic@cusu.cam.ac.uk  
 Judaism: Rabbi Reuven and Mrs Rochel Leigh: r1324@cam.ac.uk  
 Sikhism: www.cusiksociety.org.uk

**What are faiths and beliefs?**  
 These cover legally protected characteristics, for example:  
 • Religion (e.g. Christianity, Judaism, Hinduism, Islam, Sikhism, Buddhism)  
 • Denomination of a religion (e.g. Anglicanism, Catholicism, Sunni, Lamaism)  
 • Philosophical belief (e.g. Humanism, Atheism)

Details of faith or belief communities can be found at:  
[www.equality.admin.cam.ac.uk/projects/faitn-and-belief-practice](http://www.equality.admin.cam.ac.uk/projects/faitn-and-belief-practice)



**Buddhist**



**Christian (Western)**



**Christian (Eastern or Orthodox)**



**Hindu**



**Jewish**



**Muslim<sup>3</sup>**



**Sikh**



**Diversity**



**Black History Month**



**International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women**



**International Day of Persons with Disabilities**



**Human Rights Day**



**Holocaust Memorial Day**



**Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Month**



**International Women's Day**



**International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia**



**World Refugee Day**

## Aug – Oct

**Dormition Fast<sup>2</sup>**  
1 – 14 Aug 2016  
**Dormition**  
15 Aug 2016

**Navratri**  
13 – 21 Oct 2015  
1 – 9 Oct 2016  
**Dussehra**  
22 Oct 2015  
11 Oct 2016  
**Diwali**  
30 Oct 2016

**Rosh Hashanah<sup>1</sup>**  
14 – 15 Sep 2015  
3 – 4 Oct 2016  
**Yom Kippur**  
23 Sep 2015  
12 Oct 2016  
**Sukkot**  
28 Sep 2015  
17 Oct 2016  
**Simchat Torah**  
6 Oct 2015  
25 Oct 2016

**Eid-ul-Adha**  
23 Sep 2015  
11 Sep 2016  
**Al Hijira**  
14 Oct 2015  
1 Oct 2016

**Parkash Diwas**  
**Guru Granth Sahib**  
1 Sep 2015/16

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Oct

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8 Mar

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20 Jun

## Nov – Jan

**All Saints' Day**  
1 Nov 2015/16  
**Christmas Day**  
25 Dec 2015/16

**Nativity Fast**  
15 Nov – 24 Dec 2015/16  
**Christmas Day**  
25 Dec 2015/16

**Diwali**  
11 Nov 2015  
**Makar Sandranti**  
14 Jan 2016

**Chanukkah**  
7 Dec 2015  
25 Dec 2016

**Bandi Chhorh Divas**  
11 Nov 2015  
30 Oct 2016  
**Guru Nanak Birthday**  
25 Nov 2015  
14 Nov 2016  
**Guru Gobind Singh Birthday**  
5 Jan 2016

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## Feb – Apr

**Lent**  
10 Feb – 24 Mar 2016  
**Good Friday**  
25 Mar 2016  
**Easter Sunday**  
27 Mar 2016

**Great Lent**  
14 Mar – 30 Apr 2016  
**Good Friday**  
29 Apr 2016  
**Easter Sunday**  
1 May 2016

**Maha Shivarathri**  
7 Mar 2016  
**Holi**  
24 Mar 2016

**Purim**  
24 Mar 2016  
**Pesach**  
23 – 30 Apr 2016

**Hola Mohalla**  
14 Mar 2016  
**Vaisakhi**  
14 Apr 2016

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## May – Jul

**Buddha Day**  
14 May 2016  
**Ascension Day**  
5 May 2016

**Apostles' Fast**  
27 – 28 Jun 2016  
**SS Peter and Paul**  
29 Jun 2016

**Lag ba-Omer**  
27 May 2016  
**Shavout**  
12 Jun 2016

**Ramadan**  
6 Jun – 5 Jul 2016  
**Eid-ul-Fitr**  
6 Jul 2016

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### Equal Opportunities

[www.admin.cam.ac.uk/offices/hr/policy/equal.html](http://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/offices/hr/policy/equal.html)

The University of Cambridge is committed, in its pursuit of academic excellence, to equality of opportunity and to a proactive and inclusive approach to equality, which supports and encourages all under-represented groups, promotes an inclusive culture and values diversity (University Statutes & Ordinances C.I. S.13).

### Equality & Diversity (E&D) Section

Information about the University's work on faith or belief and other equalities matters.

[www.equality.admin.cam.ac.uk](http://www.equality.admin.cam.ac.uk)

01223 332286

[equality@admin.cam.ac.uk](mailto:equality@admin.cam.ac.uk)



### Chaplaincy

The University's Chaplaincy is supported by a partnership between the University, Trinity College and Great St Mary's Church.



This oversees work on faith and belief in practice and governs the role of the Chaplain to University Staff, who works with the E&D Section.

### Merton Hall Farmhouse

The University's Multi-Faith Centre is located at Merton Hall Farmhouse, on the West Cambridge site.



[www.gsm.cam.ac.uk/chaplaincy/merton-hall-farmhouse](http://www.gsm.cam.ac.uk/chaplaincy/merton-hall-farmhouse)

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### Face to Faith

A series of presentations exploring the co-existence of people with different faiths and beliefs, and those with none. For further information:



[www.admin.cam.ac.uk/offices/hr/equality/events/#all](http://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/offices/hr/equality/events/#all)

### People Matter Week

Events that seek to engage University Staff and Students in wellbeing and stress management activities.



[www.peoplesmatterweek.admin.cam.ac.uk](http://www.peoplesmatterweek.admin.cam.ac.uk)

### Dignity at Work and Study

The University recognises its duty of care to staff, students and all other members of the University community irrespective of their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief (including lack of belief), sex or sexual orientation.



[www.admin.cam.ac.uk/offices/hr/policy/dignity](http://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/offices/hr/policy/dignity)

[www.cambridgestudents.cam.ac.uk/welfare-and-wellbeing/dignitystudy](http://www.cambridgestudents.cam.ac.uk/welfare-and-wellbeing/dignitystudy)

01223 765031

[dignitycontacts@admin.cam.ac.uk](mailto:dignitycontacts@admin.cam.ac.uk)

### Internal Mediation Service

The University resources this service to help resolve disagreements between members of staff with support from an impartial third party/mediator.



[www.admin.cam.ac.uk/offices/hr/policy/mediation/](http://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/offices/hr/policy/mediation/)

[mediation@admin.cam.ac.uk](mailto:mediation@admin.cam.ac.uk)

<sup>1</sup> In the Jewish Calendar, dates of religious observance begin on the sunset of the previous day  
<sup>2</sup> The Greek and Russian congregations in Cambridge both follow the New Calendar – other nationalities may differ  
<sup>3</sup> Islamic festivals begin with the sighting of the moon; they may be delayed and may vary between communities