### Faith and Diversity Calendar 2016 – 2017

**The University of Cambridge celebrates diversity**

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**Key:**
- Buddhist
- Christian (Western)
- Christian (Eastern or Orthodox)
- Hindu
- Jewish
- Muslim
- Diversity Date

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**Useful Information**

- [Equality & Diversity (E&D) Section](www.cambridge.ac.uk/equality)
- [Diversity Study](www.cambridge.ac.uk/diversity)
- [Equality & Diversity](www.cambridge.ac.uk/equality)
- [Diversity Work and Study](www.cambridge.ac.uk/equality)

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**Equal Opportunities**

The University 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).

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- [Calendar Link](www.cambridge.ac.uk/faith-and-diversity)
- [Equality & Diversity](www.cambridge.ac.uk/equality)
### Christian

- **Good Friday**
  - *Date:* 14 Apr 2017
  - *Event:* Crucifixion of Jesus

- **Easter Sunday**
  - *Date:* 16 Apr 2017
  - *Event:* Resurrection of Jesus

- **Palm Sunday**
  - *Date:* 16 Apr 2017
  - *Event:* Entry into Jerusalem

- **Ascension Day**
  - *Date:* 21 May 2017
  - *Event:* Jesus ascends into heaven

- **Whit Sunday**
  - *Date:* 11 Jun 2017
  - *Event:* Pentecost, descent of the Holy Spirit

- **Good Shepherd Day**
  - *Date:* 1 Nov 2016
  - *Event:* Patron saint day of the dioceses of Rome, Carthage, and Acre

- **Baptism of the Lord Day**
  - *Date:* 10 Jan 2017
  - *Event:* Jesus is baptized in the Jordan River

### Judaism

- **Rosh HaShanah**
  - *Date:* 15 Sep 2016
  - *Event:* Jewish New Year

- **Yom Kippur**
  - *Date:* 20 Sep 2016
  - *Event:* Day of Atonement

- **Sukkot**
  - *Date:* 21 Sep 2016
  - *Event:* Festival of Booths

- **Simchat Torah**
  - *Date:* 29 Oct 2016
  - *Event:* Festival of Rejoicing

- **Tu B’Shvat**
  - *Date:* 20 Jan 2017
  - *Event:* New Year of the Trees

### Islam

- **Eid-ul-Fitr**
  - *Date:* 15 Jul 2016
  - *Event:* Festival marking the end of the fasting month of Ramadan

### Hinduism

- **Guru Granth Sahib Birthday**
  - *Date:* 29 Oct 2016
  - *Event:* Birth anniversary of Guru Nanak

- **Holi**
  - *Date:* 13 Mar 2017
  - *Event:* Festival of Colors

- **Guru Nanak Birthday**
  - *Date:* 24 Nov 2016
  - *Event:* Birth anniversary of Guru Nanak

### Sikhism

- **Parkash Diwas**
  - *Date:* 16 Jan 2017
  - *Event:* Celebration of the inscription of the Guru Granth Sahib

- **Hola Mohalla**
  - *Date:* 23 Mar 2017
  - *Event:* Festival of Sikh community

### Buddhism

- **Buddha Day**
  - *Date:* 14 May 2017
  - *Event:* Birthday of Siddhartha Gautama

- **Vaisakhi**
  - *Date:* 12 Apr 2017
  - *Event:* Sikh New Year

- **Hola Mohalla**
  - *Date:* 23 Mar 2017
  - *Event:* Festival of Sikh community

### Other

- **Transgender, Bisexual, Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Awareness Day**
  - *Date:* 14 Jun 2017
  - *Event:* Awareness of LGBTQ+ rights

- **World Refugee Day**
  - *Date:* 20 Jun 2017
  - *Event:* Recognition of refugees' rights

- **World Suicide Prevention Day**
  - *Date:* 10 Sep 2016
  - *Event:* Awareness of suicide prevention

- **International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women**
  - *Date:* 25 Nov 2016
  - *Event:* Awareness of violence against women

- **Human Rights Day**
  - *Date:* 10 Dec 2016
  - *Event:* Recognition of human rights

- **International Day of Pandemic and Disasters Preparedness**
  - *Date:* 1 May 2017
  - *Event:* Awareness of disaster preparedness

- **World Environment Day**
  - *Date:* 5 Jun 2017
  - *Event:* Environmental awareness

- **Rahul Gandhi’s Birthday**
  - *Date:* 29 Dec 2016
  - *Event:* Birthday of Indian politician

- **Pongal Festival**
  - *Date:* 14 Jan 2017
  - *Event:* Harvest festival of Tamil Nadu

- **Vishu Festival**
  - *Date:* 14 Apr 2017
  - *Event:* Festival of light in Kerala, India

### Additional Information

- **Chaplaincy in Cambridge**
  - The University’s Chaplaincy provides pastoral care and helps to foster understanding for all faiths and none.

- **Cambridge University Islamic Society**
  - Contact: islamic@cusu.cam.ac.uk

- **Cambridge University Buddhist Society**
  - Contact: rmh1001@cam.ac.uk

- **Cambridge University Hindu Society**
  - Contact: jceast@gmail.com