

Faith and Belief

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. Local observance may vary.

What are faiths and beliefs?

These cover legally protected characteristics, for example:

- Religion eg. Christianity, Judaism, Buddhism, Islam, Hinduism, Sikhism
- Denomination of a religion eg. Anglicanism, Catholicism, Sunni, Lamaism
- Philosophical belief eg. Humanism, Atheism

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.

Further Information

[Equality, Diversity & Inclusion](#)



JANUARY

Thyroid Awareness Month

Alcohol Concern Dry January

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06-Jan Epiphany
Christian Western

07-Jan Christmas Day
Christian Orthodox/Eastern

7-Jan Mahayana New Year
Buddhism

15-Jan Makar Sankranti
Hinduism

15-Jan World Religion Day

22-Jan Chinese New Year

23-29 Jan Cervical Cancer
Prevention week

24-Jan International Day of
Education

27-Jan Holocaust Memorial Day

▲ Bank Holiday

FEBRUARY

Lesbian Gay Bisexual
Trans History Month

UK National Heart Month

Raynaud's & Scleroderma
Awareness Month

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01-Feb Imbolc/Candlemas
Wicca/Pagan

02-Feb Candlemas
Christian Western

02-Feb Time to Talk Day

13 - 19 Feb Random Acts of
Kindness Week

15-Feb Nirvana Day
Buddhism

18-Feb Maha Shivaratri
Hinduism

21-Feb Shrove Tuesday
Christian Western

22-Feb Ash Wednesday / Lent
Christian Western

27-Feb Great Lent begins
Christian Orthodox / Eastern

MARCH

Women's History Month

Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month

Prostate Cancer Awareness Month

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- 01-Mar St David's Day - Wales
- 01-Mar Zero Discrimination Day
- 02-Mar University Mental Health Day
- 03-Mar Employee Appreciation Day
- 06-Mar Purim begins Judaism
- 08-Mar International Women's Day
- 08-Mar Holi Hinduism
- 08-Mar Hola Mohalla Sikhism
- 17-Mar St Patrick's Day - Ireland
- 20-Mar Spring Equinox/Ostara Wicca/Pagan
- 21-Mar National Single Parent Day
- 21-Mar International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
- 22-Mar Ramadan begins Islam
- 25-Mar Intl Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery & the Transatlantic Slave Trade

APRIL

Stress Awareness
Month

Autism Awareness
Month

Parkinson's
Awareness Month

Bowel Cancer
Awareness Month

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02-Apr Palm Sunday
Christian Western

05-Apr Pesach begins
Judaism

07-Apr Good Friday
Christian Western

09-Apr Palm Sunday
Christian Orthodox / Eastern

09-Apr Easter Sunday
Christian Western

14-Apr Good Friday
Christian Orthodox / Eastern

14-Apr Vaisakhi
Sikhism

16-Apr Easter Sunday
Christian Orthodox / Eastern

21-Apr Eid al-Fitr
Islam

23-Apr St George's Day - England

▲ Bank Holiday

MAY

UK National Walking Month

Celiac Awareness Month

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01-May Beltane / May Eve
Wicca/Pagan

01 - 07 May Deaf Awareness Week

05-May Buddha Day / Vesak
Buddhism

15-May International Day of Families

15 - 21 May Mental Health
Awareness Week

17-May International Day against
Homophobia, Biphobia & Transphobia

18-May Lag BaOmer begins
Judaism

25-May Shavuot begins
Judaism





▲ Bank Holiday

JUNE

Gypsy, Roma and Traveller
History Month

LGBTQ+ Pride Month

Motor Neurone Disease
Awareness Month

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05 - 11 Jun Carers Week

12-Jun Apostles' Fast begins
Christian Orthodox / Eastern

12 – 16 Jun Healthy Eating Week

13 - 19 Jun Men's Health Week

15-Jun World Elder Abuse
Awareness Day

20-Jun World Refugee Day

21-Jun Summer Solstice / Litha
Wicca/Pagan

22-Jun National Windrush Day

23-Jun International Women in
Engineering Day






24-Jun Midsummer Day

26-Jul Waqf al Arafah - Hajj Day
Islam

28-Jul Eid ul-Adha
Islam

JULY

Make a Difference to Children Month

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03-Jul Asala - Dharma Day
Buddhism

14-Jul International Non-Binary
People's Day

19-Jul Al-Hijra (Islamic New Year)
Islam

26-Jul Tisha B'Av
Judaism

30-Jul International Day of
Friendship

AUGUST

Health & Safety Month


Psoriasis Awareness Month

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01-Aug Lughnasadh / Lammas
Wicca/Pagan

15-Aug Dormition
Christian Orthodox / Eastern

15-Aug Assumption
Christian Western

 Bank Holiday



SEPTEMBER

Sickle Cell Awareness Month

Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

World Alzheimer's Month

World Dementia Awareness Month

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05-Sep International Day of Charity

06-Sep Krishna Janmashtami
Hinduism

10-Sep World Suicide Prevention Day

15-Sep Rosh Hashanah begins
Judaism

18-Sep International Equal Pay Day

21-Sep UN International Day of Peace

23-Sep Autumn Equinox/Mabon
Wicca/Pagan

24-Sep Yom Kippur begins Judaism

25 Sept - 01 Oct National Inclusion Week

29-Sep Sukkot begins Judaism

OCTOBER

Black History Month

Menopause Awareness Month

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Down Syndrome Awareness Month

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01-Oct International Day of Older Persons

02 - 06 Oct National Work Life Week

02 – 08 Oct World Dyslexia Awareness Week

07-Oct Simchat Torah begins Judaism

10-Oct World Mental Health Day

15-Oct Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day

15-Oct Navarathri Hinduism

17-Oct International Day for the Eradication of Poverty

18-Oct World Menopause Day

19-Oct World Values Day

23-Oct Dussehra Hinduism

24-Oct Bandi Chhor Divas Sikhism

31-Oct Samhain/Hallowe'en Wicca/Pagan

30 Oct – 03 Nov National Stress Awareness Week

NOVEMBER

November Men's Health Awareness Month

UK Disability History Month : 16 Nov - 16 Dec

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01-Nov All Saints Day
Christian Western

12-Nov Diwali Hinduism

12-Nov Remembrance Sunday

13-Nov World Kindness Day

13 - 20 Nov Interfaith Week

19-Nov International Men's Day

20-Nov Trans Awareness Day

25-Nov International Day for the
Elimination of Violence Against Women

27-Nov Guru Nanak Birthday
Sikhism

28-Nov Nativity Fast begins
Christian Orthodox / Eastern

30-Nov St Andrew's Day Scotland

DECEMBER

Universal Month for Human Rights

HIV / AIDS Awareness Month

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- 02-Dec International Day for the Abolition of Slavery
- 03-Dec International Day of Persons with Disabilities
- 03-Dec Advent
Christian Western
- 07-Dec Chanukkah begins
Judaism
- 10-Dec Human Rights Day
- 21-Dec Winter Solstice/Yule
Wicca/Pagan
- 25-Dec Christmas Day
Christian Western

▲ Bank Holiday