Faith and Belief in Practice

The initiative includes several activities:

• The publication of an annual calendar of significant faith, belief and diversity dates.

• The production of guidance and information on faith and belief communities and relevant issues

• Highlighting University facilities that are available for reflection or prayer

• Events of interest

Further information can be obtained from the E&D Section, www.equality.admin.cam.ac.uk

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, Hinduism, Islam, Sikhism, Buddhism

• Denomination of a religion eg. Anglicanism, Catholicism, Sunni, Lamaism

• Philosophical belief eg. Humanism, Atheism
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**Faith dates**

- 06 January: **Epiphany**
- 07 January: **Christmas Day**
- 14 January: **Makar Sankranti**

**Diversity**

- 27 January: **Holocaust Memorial Day**

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**Faith dates**

- 02 February: **Candlemas**

**Diversity**

- February: **LGBT History Month**
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**May**

- **6 May**
  - Ramadan begins
- **18 May**
  - Buddha Day
- **22 May**
  - Lag BaOmer begins

**June**

- **4 June**
  - Eid al-Fitr
- **8 June**
  - Shavuot begins
- **24 June**
  - Apostles’ Fast begins

**Faith dates**

- **15 May**
  - International Day of Families

**Diversity**

- **June 20**
  - Gypsy, Roma & Traveller Month
- **June 20**
  - World Refugee Day

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Note: Specific dates for Ramadan, Buddha Day, etc., are highlighted to indicate their significance.
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**Faith dates**
- **29 September**
  - Navarathri

**Diversity dates**

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**Faith dates**
- **07 October**
  - Dussehra
- **10 October**
  - Yom Kippur begins
- **13 October**
  - Sukkot begins
- **21 October**
  - Simchat Torah begins
- **27 October**
  - Diwali

**Diversity dates**
- **08 October**
  - October
  - Black History Month
- **10 October**
  - October
  - World Mental Health Day

**Other dates:**
- **27 October**
  - Bandi Chhor Divas
- **29 September**
  - Rosh Hashanah
  - Navarathri
### November

- **01 November**: All Saints Day
- **12 November**: Guru Nanak Birthday
- **15 November**: Nativity Fast begins
- **10 November**: Remembrance Sunday
- **25 November**: International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women

### December

- **01 December**: Advent
- **22 December**: Chanukkah begins
- **25 December**: Christmas Day
- **03 December**: International Day of Persons with Disabilities
- **10 December**: Human Rights Day

***Faith dates***

***Diversity***
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.

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