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**

- **07 January**
  - Epiphany

- **07 January**
  - Christmas Day

- **14 January**
  - Makar Sankranti

**Diversity**

- 27 January
  - Holocaust Memorial Day

### February

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**Faith dates**

- **02 February**
  - Candlemas

- **13 February**
  - Maha Shivaratri

- **14 February**
  - Ash Wednesday

- **14 February**
  - Lent begins

- **19 February**
  - Great Lent begins

**Diversity**

- February
  - LGBT History Month
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Faith dates

- 15 August
  - Dormition
- 21 August
  - Eid ul-Adha
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**Faith dates**

- 09 September: Rosh Hashanah begins
- 12 September: Al-Hijra (Islamic New Year)
- 18 September: Yom Kippur
- 23 September: Sukkot

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**Faith dates**

- 01 October: Simchat Torah
- 09 October: Navarathri
- 19 October: Dussehra

**Diversity**

- October Black History Month
- 10 October: World Mental Health Day
Faith dates
01 November
All Saints day
07 November
Diwali
07 November
Bandi Chhor Divas
23 November
Guru Nanak Birthday
28 November
Nativity Fast begins

Diversity
November Interfaith Week
25 November International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women

Faith dates
02 December
Advent
02 December
Chanukkah
25 December
Christmas day

Diversity
03 December
International Day of Persons with Disabilities
10 December
Human Rights Day
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.

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