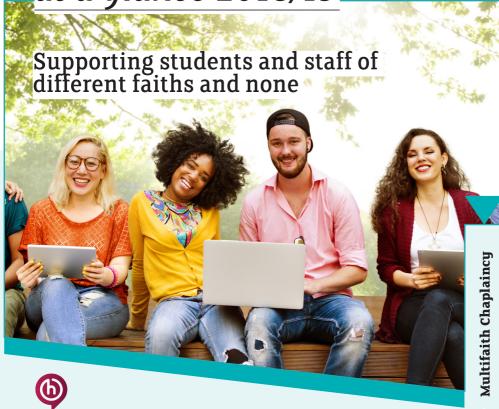
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Multifaith Chaplaincy

Major religious dates

at a glance 2018/19



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September 2018

Sunday 2nd Hindu Shri Krishna Janamashtmi Monday 10th Jewish Rosh Hashanah (start)

Wednesday 19thJewishYom KippurSunday 23rdPaganAutumn EquinoxTuesday 25thJewishSukkot (start)

October 2018

Monday 1st Jewish Shemini Atzeret
Tuesday 2nd Jewish Simchat Torah
Tuesday 9th Hindu Navaratri (start)

Thursday 18th Hindu Dussera Wednesday 31st Pagan Samhain

November 2018

Thursday 1st Christian All Saints Day

Wednesday 7th Hindu/Sikh/Jain Diwali

Friday 9th Bahá'í Birth of the Báb
Saturday 10th Bahá'í Birth of Bahá'u'lláh
Friday 23rd Sikh Birth of Guru Nanak

Saturday 24th Sikh Martyrdom of Guru Teg Bahadur Wednesday 28th Bahá'í Ascension of 'Abdu'l-Bahá

December 2018

Monday 3rd Jewish Hanukkah (start)

Saturday 8th Buddhist Bodhi Day

Friday 21st Pagan Winter Solstice/Yule

Tuesday 25th Christian (Western) Christmas

January 2019

Saturday 5th Sikh Birth of Guru Gobind Singh

Sunday 6th/Monday 7th Christian (Orthodox) Christmas

February 2019

Friday 1st Pagan Imbolc Friday 15th Buddhist Paranirvana Nirvana Day

March 2019

Monday 4th Hindu Mahashivratri Wednesday 6th Christian Ash Wednesday

March 2019

Wednesday 20th Hindu Holi (start)
Wednesday 20th Jewish Purim

Wednesday 20th Pagan Spring Equinox Thursday 21st Bahá'í Naw-Ruz (New Year)

April 2019

Sunday 14th Hindu Shri Ram Navami

Sunday 14th Sikh Vaisakhi

Thursday 18th Christian Maundy Thursday
Friday 19th Christian Good Friday

Friday 19th Jewish Pesach/Passover (start Sunday 21st Bahá'í First day of Ridván

Sunday 21st Christian Easter

May 2019

Wednesday 1st Pagan Beltane

Sunday 5th Muslim Ramadan (start)
Sunday 19th Buddhist Wesak or Buddha Day
Friday 24th Bahá'í Declaration of the Báb

Thursday 30th Christian Ascension Day

Wednesday 29th Bahá'í Ascension of Bahá'u'lláh

June 2019

Tuesday 4thMuslimEid-ul-FitrSaturday 8thJewishShavuot (start)Sunday 9thChristianPentecostSunday 16thChristianTrinity Sunday

Sunday 16th Sikh Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev

Friday 21st Pagan Summer Solstice Saturday 29th Christian Saints Peter and Paul

July 2019

Wednesday 10th Bahá'í Martyrdom of the Báb

August 2019

Thursday 1st Pagan Lammas Monday 12th Muslim Eid-ul-Adha

Thursday 15th Christian (RC) Assumption of Mary
Friday 23rd Hindu Shri Krishna Janamashtmi

Notes about dates

Buddhist festivals

Wesak is celebrated on different dates by different Buddhist traditions.

Hindu Festivals

Dates may vary by one or two days because of the use of the sighting of the moon in the Hindu calendar. This prevents confirmation of the dates until very near to the festivals.

Jewish festivals

These are understood as starting at sunset on the previous day and ending at nightfall. Jewish students may wish to return to their families for festivals, with implications for travelling time. Pesach (Passover) is an eight-day festival. Religious Jews might request absence for the first two days and the final two days which are major Jewish holy days. Some other festivals are two-day events.

Islamic festivals

Dates may vary by one or two days because of the use of the sighting of the moon in the Muslim calendar. This prevents confirmation of the dates until very near to the festivals. Ramadan is the Islamic month of fasting when Muslims are expected to fast between dawn and dusk

Pagan festivals

There are many Pagan paths or traditions and therefore many different festivals. Dates and names of common festivals may also vary between traditions. Major gatherings are often held on the nearest weekend to a sacred day. For a lot of people who consider themselves Pagan, the day of celebration and its associated activities actually starts at sunset of the day before.

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