

FIX OUR
PROBLEMS
TOGETHER.



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Artwork by Claire
“Fix our problems together”

1st Place Equality & Diversity Art Workshop Winner 2024

Claire learnt about what Equality, Diversity & Inclusion meant in simple terms and how it can make us feel when we don't get the help we need.

The workshop covered concept art encouraging free-thinking & expression, likening this to a jigsaw Claire titled her art: Fix our problems together.

Observational drawing techniques were also taught and Claire cleverly combined her new-found knowledge experimenting with hatching and typographical drawing in her entries - an excellent student to teach!

**Equality & Diversity
Calendar**



2025

Symbols of some of the major world religions



Sikh



Shinto



Jewish



Pagan



Christian



Rastafari



Hindu



Buddhist



Islam



Zoroastrian



Baha'i



Jain

Notes for 2025

January

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DISCLAIMER: This publication may not include all major religious/cultural holidays. Due to variations in cultural and regional religious practices, and the use of different calendars, some dates may vary from what is shown in this calendar.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		1 New Year's Day 	2	3	4 World Braille Day	5
6 	7 	8	9	10	11	12
13 	14 	15	16	17	18	19 World Religion Day
20	21	22	23	24	25 Burns Night	26 
Cervical Cancer Prevention Week				20th - 26th		
27 Holocaust Memorial Day Parent Mental Health Day	28	29 Chinese New Year Year of the Snake	30	31		

Schedule of Religious Dates

-  **1st January** **Gantan-Sai - New Year (Shinto)** The annual New Year festival of the Shinto religion.
-  **6th January** **Epiphany (Christian)** Falls on the 12th day after Christmas and is the end of the Christmas season for Western Christians.
-  **6th January** **Guru Gobind Singh Jayanti Birthday (Sikh)** Marks the birth of the tenth Guru of Sikhs, who also came to be their last guru.
-  **7th January** **Ethiopian Christmas (Rastafari)** Rastafarians observe the Ethiopian Christmas Day marked by a large vegetarian or vegan feast.
-  **13th January** **Maghi (Sikh)** Commemorating the heroic fight of the 'Forty Liberated Ones' who laid down their lives to ward off an attack.
-  **14th January** **Makar Sankranti (Hindu)** A Hindu festival celebrated in almost all parts of India, Nepal and Bangladesh. It is a harvest festival that falls on the Magh month of the Hindu Solar Calendar.
-  **26th January** **Lailat al-Miraj (Islam)** Holiday commemorating the Prophet Muhammad's journey from Mecca to the 'Farthest Mosque' in Jerusalem where he ascended to Heaven, was purified, and given the instruction for Muslims to pray five times daily.



February 2025

◆ LGBT+ History Month

◆ National Heart Month

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
					1 Dignity Action Day	2
3	4 World Cancer Day	5	6 Time to Talk Day	7	8	9
Race Equality Week 3 rd - 9 th						
10 International Epilepsy Day	11 Safer Internet Day	12	13	14	15	16
National Apprenticeship Week 10 th - 16 th						
17 Random Acts of Kindness Day	18	19	20	21	22 World Thinking Day	23
24	25	26	27	28 Rare Disease Day		
Eating Disorders Awareness Week 24 th - 2 nd						

Schedule of Religious Dates

	1 st February	Imbolc (Pagan) Celebrated by Pagans midway through the winter solstice and spring equinox.
	2 nd February	Candlemas (Christian) Commemorates the presentation of Christ at the temple.
	2 nd February	Vasant Panchami (Hindus, Sikhs & Jain) In honour of the goddess Saraswati, is a festival that marks the preparation for the arrival of spring
	2 nd February	Setsubun (Shinto) Part of the Spring festival. Shinto rite in which good fortune is invoked and evil exorcised.
	12 th February	Tu B'Shevat (Jewish) Jewish 'New Year for Trees'. Begins sundown the night of 12th February and ends at nightfall 13th.
	12 th February	Magha Puja Day (Buddhist) The day commemorates a time when 1,250 Buddhists spontaneously came together to pay their respect to the Buddha. The spiritual aims of the day are to do only good things and to purify one's mind.
	13 th February	Mid-Sha'ban (Laylat al Bara'at) (Islam) is regarded as a night when the fortunes of individuals for the coming year are decided and when Allah may forgive sinners
	14 th February	Valentine's Day (Christian) Feast day of Saint Valentine and a celebration of love and affection.
	15 th February	Nirvana Day/Parinirvana (Buddhist) Mahayana tradition remembering the death and enlightenment of the Buddha.
	26 th February	Maha Shivaratri (Hindu) Festival celebrated annually in honour of the God Shiva
	28 th February	Nineteen Day Fast (Baha'i) Baha'i's fast from sunrise to sunset and spend extra time in prayer.
	28 th February	Ramadan begins (Islam) Begins evening of 28th. A month of fasting to commemorate the first revelation of the Qu'ran to Muhammad according to Islamic belief.



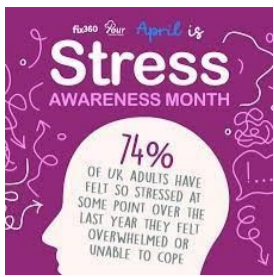
March 2025

◆ Women's History Month ◆ Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month ◆ Walk All Over Cancer Month

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
					1 Zero Discrimination Day	2
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3 World Hearing Day	4	5	6 World Book Day Aspire Cultural Awareness Day	7	8 International Womens Day	9
	+	+				
NO MORE Week 2nd–9th						
10	11	12 No Smoking Day	13	14 World Sleep Day Universal Mental Health Day	15 International Day to Combat Islamophobia Red Nose Day	16 Disabled Access Day Young Carers Action Day
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Nutrition & Hydration Week 17th – 23rd						
17	18 Global Recycling Day	19	20	21 Red Nose Day World Down Syndrome Day	22 World Water Day	23
+			✡			
Neurodiversity Celebration Week 18th – 24th						
24	25	26 Purple Day for Epilepsy	27 World Theatre Day	28	29	30 Mother's Day World Bipolar Day BST Begins Easter Sunday
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Schedule of Religious Dates

+	1 st March	St David's Day (<i>Christian</i>) Patron Saint of Wales
+	4 th March	Shrove Tuesday (<i>Christian</i>) The day preceding Ash Wednesday, celebrated in some countries by consuming pancakes.
+	5 th March	Ash Wednesday (<i>Christian</i>) The first day of Lent marks the beginning of 40 days of penitence and fasting before Easter.
✡	13 rd March	Purim (<i>Jewish</i>) Jewish holiday that commemorates the saving of the Jewish people from Haman, who was planning to kill all the Jews. This took place in the ancient Persian Empire.
ॐ	14 th March	Holi (<i>Hindu</i>) The 'Festival of Colours' celebrates the blossoming of spring and marks the end of winter, the joys of love and the victory of good over evil. Holi also celebrates the Hindu god Krishna and the legend of Holika and Prahlad.
☞	14 th March	Hola Mohalla (<i>Sikh</i>) Celebrates Sikh martial skills with displays of horsemanship and mock battles, followed by music and poetry.
+	17 th March	St Patrick's Day (<i>Christian</i>) Patron Saint of Ireland.
✡	20 th March	Norooz/Naw-Ruz (<i>Zoroastrian/Baha'i</i>) The traditional Iranian New Year holiday.
☞	20 th March	Ostara (<i>Pagan</i>) Spring Equinox. Ostara, or Eostra, is an Anglo-Saxon Goddess who represents dawn.
✡	26 th March	Khordad Sal (<i>Zoroastrian</i>) celebrates the birth anniversary of Zoroaster
☾	27 th March	Laylat al-Qadr (<i>Islam</i>) Considered the holiest night of the year for Muslims. Lailat al-Qadr, the 'Night of Destiny', marks the night in which the Qu'ran was first revealed to the Prophet Muhammad by Allah.
☾	30 th March	Eid al-Fitr (<i>Islam</i>) Eid al-Fitr is the "Festival of Breaking of the Fast", an important religious holiday celebrated by Muslims worldwide that marks the end of Ramadan.



April 2025

◆ Stress Awareness Month ◆ Parkinson Awareness Month

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	1	2 World Autism Acceptance Day	3	4	5	6
7 World Health Day	8	9	10 National Siblings Day	11 World Parkinson's Day	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 Good Friday Bank Holiday	19	20
21 Easter Monday Bank Holiday	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 World Day for Health and Safety at Work	29 International Day of Dance	30				

Schedule of Religious Dates







- 10th April** **Mahavir Jayanti (Jain)** The most important religious festival for Jains. It celebrates the birth of Mahavira.
- 11th April** **Hanuman Jayanti (Hindu)** Celebration of the birth of Hanuman, the Vanara God, widely venerated throughout India.
- 12th April** **Passover or Pesach (Jewish)** Begins sundown of 12th and ends on 20th April. An important Jewish holiday commemorating the liberation of the Israelites by God from slavery in ancient Egypt.
- 13th April** **Palm Sunday (Christian)** recalls an event in Christian Scripture of Jesus entering into Jerusalem and being greeted by the people waving palm branches. It is a reminder for Christians of the welcoming of Jesus into hearts and of willingness to follow him.
- 14th April** **Vaisakhi (Sikh)** The harvest festival of the Punjab region and commemorates 1699, the year Sikhism was born as a collective faith. Also known as Baisakhi or Vasakhi.
- 17th April** **Maundy Thursday (Christian)** Commemorates the Maundy and Last Supper of Jesus Christ with the Apostles.
- 18th April** **Good Friday (Christian)** Christian holiday commemorating the crucifixion of Jesus Christ and his death at Calvary.
- 20th April** **First Day of Ridvan (Baha'i)** The Ridván Festival is celebrated from sunset 20th April to sunset 2nd May. The festival marks Bahá'u'lláh's time in the garden of Ridván in 1863 and his announcement that he was the prophet promised by the Báb.
- 20th April** **Easter Sunday (Christian)** Easter Sunday is a festival and holiday commemorating Jesus Christ's resurrection from death.
- 21st April** **Easter Monday (Christian)**
- 23rd April** **St George's Day (Christian)** Patron saint of England.
- 23rd April** **Yom HaShoah (Jewish)** Begins sundown of 23rd. Annual Jewish Remembrance Day for Victims of the Holocaust.










TAKE TO YOUR FEET

May 2025








◆ Stroke Awareness Month ◆ Local & Community History Month ◆ National Walking Month

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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5 May Day Bank Holiday	6	7	8 World Red Cross Day Global Accessibility Awareness Day	9	10	11
Dying Matters Awareness Week 5th – 11th						
12 International Nurses Day 	13	14	15 International Day of Families 	16	17 International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia	18
Mental Health Awareness Week 12th – 18th						
19	20	21 International Tea Day	22 	23	24	25
Dementia Action Week 19th – 25th						
26 Spring Bank Holiday	27 	28	29 	30 World MS Day	31	









Schedule of Religious Dates





-  **1st May** **Beltane (Pagan)** The anglicised name for the Gaelic May Day festival. Held about halfway between the spring equinox and the summer solstice.
-  **1st May** **Twelfth Day of Ridván (Baha'i)** the day on which Bahá'u'lláh and His family left the garden to travel to Constantinople.
-  **12th May** **Vesak - Buddha Day (Buddhist)** Also known as Visakha Puja. Commemorates the birth, enlightenment and death of the Buddha, which are all said to have happened on the same date.
-  **15th May** **Lag BaOmer (Jewish)** Begins evening of 15th. Celebrates the anniversary of the passing of the great sage and mystic Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai, author of the Zohar.
-  **22nd May** **Declaration of the Bab (Baha'i)** The Bahá'í Era began with the Declaration of the Bab, May 22 1844, when the Bab announced that he was a messenger of God and foretold the coming of another messenger of God in the near future.
-  **27th May** **Ascension of Bahá'u'lláh (Baha'i)** This important holy day commemorates the anniversary of the death of the founder of the Bahá'í faith, Bahá'u'lláh, and his teachings.
-  **29th May** **Ascension of Jesus (Christian)** The Feast of the Ascension, also known as Ascension Thursday, Holy Thursday or Ascension Day, commemorates the bodily Ascension of Jesus into Heaven.







Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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2	3	4 	5 World Environment Day	6 	7	8 World Oceans Day 
Volunteers' Week 1 st – 7 th						
9	10	11	12	13	14 World Blood Donor Day	15 Father's Day
Carers Week 9 th -15 th			Men's Health Week 9 th —15 th			
16 	17	18 Autistic Pride Day	19 	20 World Refugee Day Clean Air Day 	21 World Music Day Global MND Awareness Day	22 National Windrush Day
LEEDS LEARNING DISABILITY WEEK 16 th - 22 nd				Refugee Week 16 th —22 nd		
23	24	25	26	27 National PTSD Awareness Day	28 Armed Forces Day	29
Deafblind Awareness Week 24 th June— 30 th June						
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Schedule of Religious Dates

-  **1st June** **Shavuot (Jewish)** Begins on the evening of 1st and ends on the evening of 3rd June. Commemorates the revelation of the Torah on Mount Sinai to the Jewish people.
-  **4th June** **Hajj Day (Islam)** Begins evening of 4th when the rites of pilgrimage are performed over five days. A pilgrimage is made to the Kaaba, in the sacred city of Mecca in Saudi Arabia.
-  **6th June** **Eid al Adha (Islam)** Begins evening of 6th and ends on the evening of 10th June. The festival of sacrifice honours Ibrahim's (Abraham's) willingness to sacrifice his son to God.
-  **8th June** **Pentecost (Christian)** Pentecost is the festival when Christians celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit.
-  **16th June** **Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev (Sikh)** Guru Arjan was the fifth Sikh Guru and the first Sikh martyr: he gave up his life for the Sikh people. The way in which he died changed the course of Sikhism forever.
-  **19th June** **Corpus Christi (Catholic Christian)** The festival of Corpus Christi celebrates the Eucharist (Holy Communion).
-  **20th June** **Litha (Pagan)** Midsummer, also known as St John's Day, is the period of time centred upon the summer solstice. It is the longest day of the year.
-  **27th June** **Al-Hijrah (Islam)** Islamic New Year. Marks the beginning of a new Islamic calendar year, and is the day on which the year count is incremented. Al-Hijra marks the day in AD622 when Muhammad and the first Muslim community migrated from Mecca to Medina. It continues for 29 days.

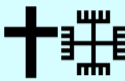







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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
						
14 International Non-Binary People's Day	15	16	17	18 Nelson Mandela International Day	19	20 Leeds Pride
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
						
28 World Hepatitis Day	29	30	31			

Schedule of Religious Dates









-  **5th July** **Ashura (Islam)** Marks the tenth day of Muharram in the Islamic calendar. Muslims remember the martyrdom of Hussain ibn Ali, grandson of the Prophet Muhammad, at the Battle of Karbala (AD680). Ashura is marked by all Muslims but it is most important for Shia Muslims for whom it's a solemn day of mourning.
-  **8th July** **Martyrdom of the Báb (Baha'i)** Holy day celebrated at noon commemorating the events surrounding the death of the Báb in 1850.
-  **10th July** **Asalha Puja Day or Dharma Day (Buddhist)** One of Theravada Buddhism's most important festivals, celebrating the first teaching of the Buddha.
-  **23rd July** **Birthday of Emperor Haile Selassi (Rastafari)** Observes the day on which Emperor Haile Selassie I was born in 1892. Nyabingi session, inclusive of music, chanting and prayer is held to mark the occasion.

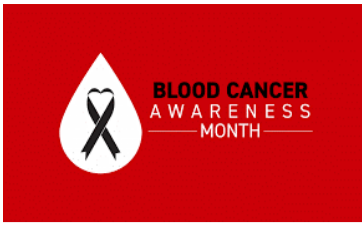


August 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				1 Yorkshire Day 	2 	3
4	5	6	7 Cycle to Work Day	8	9 International Day of the World's Indigenous People 	10
11	12 International Youth Day	13 	14	15 	16 	17
18	19 World Humanitarian Day	20	21 	22	23	24
25 Summer Bank Holiday	26 	27	28	29	30	31

Schedule of Religious Dates

-  **1st Aug** **Lammas or Lughnasadh** (*Christian/Pagan*) The time of the corn harvest when Pagans give thanks to the Goddess for her gifts. Celts celebrated the Irish God Lugh, while Anglo-Saxons marked the Festival of Hlaefmass - loaf mass or Lammas.
-  **2nd Aug** **Tish'a B'av** (*Jewish*) Begins on the evening of 2nd and ends on evening of 3rd August. Annual fast day which commemorates the destruction of both the First Temple and Second Temple in Jerusalem, which occurred about 655 years apart, but on the same Hebrew calendar date.
-  **9th Aug** **Raksha Bandhan** (*Hindu*) Literally means "the tie or knot of protection". It is an ancient Hindu festival that ritually celebrates the love and duty between brothers and their sisters.
-  **13th-15th Aug** **Obon** (*Buddhist*) Also known as the Festival of Souls, the festival has a very important cultural significance for the Japanese who believe that during this celebration, the souls of their ancestors return to their homes on earth.
-  **15th Aug** **The Assumption** (*Christian*) The Assumption of Mary commemorates Mary's ascension into Heaven.
-  **16th Aug** **Krishna Janmashtami** (*Hindu*) Festival that celebrates the birth of Krishna.
-  **21st Aug** **Paryushana** (*Jain*) One of the most important annual holy events for Jains. Paryusana means "abiding and coming together". It is a time when the Jains take on vows of study and fasting. The festival ends on 28th with the celebration of Kshamavani (forgiveness day).
-  **26th Aug** **Ganesh Chaturthi** (*Hindu*), also known as Vinayaka Chaturthi, or Vinayaka Chaviti is a Hindu festival celebrating the arrival of Lord Ganesh to earth from Kailash Parvat with his mother Goddess Parvati/Gauri. An auspicious day celebrated to pray to the God so that every new activity that is started is successfully completed without any obstacles.



September 2025

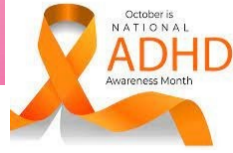
◆ Blood Cancer Awareness Month ◆ World Alzheimer's Month

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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8	9	10 World Suicide Prevention Day	11	12	13 World Sepsis Day	14
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15	16	17	18	19 International Talk Like A Pirate Day	20	21 International Day of Peace World Alzheimer's Day
22	23 International Day of Sign Language	24	25	26 Macmillan World's Biggest Coffee Morning	27	28
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29 World Heart Day	30 National Non-Verbal Awareness Day					
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National Inclusion Week 29th September—5th October

Schedule of Religious Dates

- ☾★ **4th Sept** **Mawlid an Nabi (Islam)** Begins on evening of 4th and ends on evening of 5th September. Eid Milad ul-Nabi (Mawlid, Milad-un-Nabi) is the celebration of the life of the Prophet Muhammad. Some Muslims in the United Kingdom mark this occasion by fasting or with special prayers.
- ॐ **6th Sept** **Anant Chaudas (Hindu)** The Anant Chaturdashi fast holds a great deal of importance in the Hindu religion. The festival is also known by the name of Anant Chaudas. The day commemorates the Lord of numerous avatars, Lord Vishnu.
- + **8th Sept** **Nativity of the Virgin Mary (Christian)** Refers to the traditional birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
- ☪ **22nd Sept** **Mabon (Pagan)** The Autumn Equinox. Mabon marks the middle of harvest and is a time of equal day and equal night. Mabon is a time of celebration and balance.
- ☪ **22nd Sept** **Rosh Hashanah (Jewish)** Begins evening of 22nd. Jewish New Year festival which commemorates the creation of the world. The biblical name is Yom Teruah literally "day [of] shouting/blasting", sometimes translated as the Feast of Trumpets.
- ॐ **22nd - 1st** **Navratri (Hindu)** One of the greatest Hindu festivals. It symbolises the triumph of good over evil. Navratri is also known as Durga Puja. During this period Durga, Lakshmi and Saraswati are worshipped as three manifestations of Shakti, or cosmic energy.
- + **29th Sept** **Michaelmas (Christian)** The feast of Saint Michael. The Archangel St. Michael is the Patron Saint of the sea and maritime lands, ships and boatmen, horses and horsemen. He was the Angel who hurled the devil, Lucifer, down from Heaven for his treachery.



October 2025

◆ Black History Month ◆ Down Syndrome Awareness Month ◆ Breast Cancer Awareness Month ◆ ADHD Awareness Month

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		1 International Day of Older Persons World Vegetarian Day	2	3	4 World Animal Day	5 World Teachers' Day
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6 World Cerebral Palsy Day	7	8	9	10 World Mental Health Day	11 World Hospice and Palliative Care Day	12
✡	Back Care Awareness Week 7 th - 11 th			Baby Loss Awareness Week		9 th - 15 th
13	14	15 International Pronouns Day	16 World Food Day	17 International Day for the Eradication of Poverty	18	19
✡	Baby Loss Awareness Week 9 th - 15 th					
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 BST ends
		✡	✡			
27	28	29 World Stroke Day	30	31 Halloween		
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Schedule of Religious Dates

- 1st October** **Yom Kippur (Jewish)** Yom Kippur translates as the Day of Atonement and is the holiest date in the Jewish calendar.
- 6th October** **Sukkot (Jewish)** Translated as Feast of Tabernacles or, sometimes, Feast of the Ingathering. Sukkot has a double significance: one is from the Book of Exodus and marks the end of the harvest time. The other is from the Book of Leviticus and commemorates the Exodus and the dependence of the People of Israel on the will of God.
- 12th October** **Dasara (Hindu)** Dasara/Dussehra marks the end of the Navratri festival and Durga Puja. On the final day of Dasara celebrations, huge effigies of Ravana, Kumbakarna and Meghnath are burned.
- 13th October** **Shemini Atzeret & Simchat Torah (Jewish)** Begins evening of 13th and ends on evening of 15th October. "Rejoicing of Torah" is a Jewish holiday that celebrates and marks the conclusion of the annual cycle of public Torah readings, and the beginning of a new cycle.
- 22nd October** **Birth of the Bab (Baha'i)** Báb, which literally translates as 'the gate', was a prophet and forerunner of the Bahá'í revelation.
- 23rd October** **Birth of the Baha'u'llah (Baha'i)** The holy day celebrates the birth of Bahá'u'lláh, the founder of the Bahá'í faith.
- 31st October** **All Hallows Eve (Christian)** Also called Halloween, it begins the three-day observance of Allhallowtide, the time dedicated to remembering the dead, including saints (hallows), martyrs and all the faithful departed.



November 2025

◆ Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month ◆ Movember ◆ UK Disability History Month ◆ Lung Cancer Awareness Month

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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3	4	5 Bonfire Night	6	7	8	9 Remembrance Sunday
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International Stress Awareness Week						4th – 8th
10	11 Armistice Day	12	13 World Kindness Day	14 World Diabetes Day	15	16 UK Disability History Month Begins
17	18	19 International Men's Day	20 World Children's Day Transgender Day of Remembrance	21	22	23
24	25 International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women	26	27	28	29	30
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Schedule of Religious Dates

✝	1st November	All Saints' Day (Christian) Christian festival celebrated in honour of all the Christian saints who have no special 'saint day' of their own on the church calendar.
☸	1st November	Samhain (Pagan) A Gaelic festival marking the end of the harvest season and the beginning of winter or the "darker half" of the year.
☸ ॐ ✎	1st November	Diwali (Hindu/Sikh/Jain) The Hindu Festival of Lights, celebrated every year in autumn in the northern hemisphere. It spiritually signifies the victory of light over darkness, good over evil, knowledge over ignorance and hope over despair.
☸	5th November	Birthday of Guru Nanak Dev (Sikh) Also known as Guru Nanak's Prakash Utsav and Guru Nanak Jayanti, celebrates the birth of the first Sikh Guru, Guru Nanak. This is one of the most sacred festivals in Sikhism.
☸	24th November	Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur (Sikh) was a ninth of ten Gurus who founded the Sikh religion. On this day Guru Tegh Bahadur was martyred when he refused to convert to Islam.
☸	24th November	Day of the Covenant (Baha'i) The Day of the Covenant is the day when Bahá'ís celebrate the appointment of `Abdu'l-Bahá as the Centre of Baha'u'llah's Covenant.
☸	27th November	Ascension of Abdu'l-Bahá (Baha'i) Abdu'l-Baha was the eldest son of Baha'u'llah, the Prophet-Founder of the Baha'i Faith. The Ascension of 'Abdu'l-Baha' commemorates the death and, retrospectively, the life of 'Abdu'l-Baha', who passed away in 1921.
✝	30th November	St Andrew's Day (Christian) Patron Saint of Scotland.



December 2025

◆ UK Disability History Month (until 16th) ◆ Universal Human Rights Month

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1 World Aids Day ✝	2 International Day for the Abolition of Slavery	3 International Day of Disabled People	4	5 International Volunteers Day	6 ✝	7
8 ⚓	9	10 Human Rights Day	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 ✝ ⚓
22	23	24 Christmas Eve ✝	25 Christmas Day ✡ ✝	26 Boxing Day ☦ ✝	27	28
29	30	31 New Year's Eve/ Hogmanay				

Schedule of Religious Dates

- ✝ 1st - 24th Dec **Advent (Christian)** Advent Sunday is the start of the Christmas season and the beginning of the church year. It is the closest Sunday to St Andrew's Day. Advent Sunday is a time of celebration.
- ✝ 6th December **Saint Nicholas Day (Christian)** The Feast Day of Saint Nicholas is celebrated as a Christian festival with particular regard to his reputation as a bringer of gifts, as well as through the attendance of Mass or worship services.
- ⚓ 8th December **Bodhi Day (Buddhist)** Commemorates the day that the historical Buddha, Siddhartha Gautama (Shakyamuni), experienced enlightenment. Bodhi Day is observed in many mainstream Mahayana traditions. In Japanese Zen, it is also known as Rohatsu.
- ✝ ⚓ 21st December **Yule - Winter Solstice (Christian/Pagan)** One of the oldest winter celebrations in the world. It celebrates the rebirth of the Sun and the beginning of winter. The Winter Solstice marks the longest night and shortest day of the year.
- ✝ 24th December **Christmas Eve (Christian)** Day or evening preceding the traditional birthday of Jesus.
- ✝ 25th December **Christmas Day (Christian)** Festival commemorating the birth of Jesus Christ. Also celebrated culturally by a large number of non-Christian people.
- ✡ 25th - 2nd Jan **Hanukkah (Jewish)** or Chanukah, is a Jewish holiday commemorating the rededication of the Holy Temple (the Second Temple) in Jerusalem at the time of the Maccabean Revolt against the Seleucid Empire. It is also known as the Festival of Lights and the Feast of Dedication
- ☦ 26th December **Zartosht No-Diso (Zoroastrian)** Death of the founder of Zoroastrianism, Prophet Zarathustra.
- ✝ 26th December **St Stephen's Day/Boxing Day (Christian)** Saint's day to commemorate Saint Stephen, the first Christian martyr.

