

Celebrating Faiths and Religions

Gateshead Multifaith Calendar 2017



Buddhism



15 Feb: Parinirvana (Nirvana Day)
Commemorating the death and enlightenment of Buddha.

12 March: Magha Puja Day
People reaffirm their faith and commitment to Buddhist practices.

10 May: Vesakha (Vesak Day)
The holiest day celebrates the birth and enlightenment of Buddha.

Islam



28 May: Ramadan begins
followed by 30 days of fasting from dawn to sunset.

27 June: Eid-ul-Fitr
Festival marking end of Ramadan.

4 September: Eid-ul-Adha
Festival marking the end of Hajj.

22 September: Al-Hijra
The Islamic New Year marks the Prophet Mohammed's migration from Mecca to Medina.

1 December: Milad un-Nabi
Celebrates the birth of the Prophet Muhammad.

Sikhism



5 Jan: Guru Gobind Singh's Birthday
Honouring the birth of the tenth and last human Guru.

14 April: Vaisakhi
Festival that marks the start of the New Year in the Nanakshahi solar calendar and commemorates the founding of the Khalsa.

19 Oct: Diwali (Festival of Lights)
Celebration of good over evil.

4 Nov: Guru Nanak's Birthday
Honouring the birth of the founder of Sikhism.

Baha'i



21 March: Naw Ruz
Baha'i New Year.

21 Apr: Festival of Ridván
From sunset on 21 April to sunset on 2 May, Ridván is a 12 day festival that marks the prophet Baha'u'llah's proclamation as God's messenger.

23 May: Declaration of the Bab
The Bab declared that he was the new messenger from God.

12 Nov: Birth of Baha'u'llah
The birth of the faith's prophet founder Baha'u'llah.

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Christianity



1 March: Ash Wednesday
The first day of Lent and is preceded by Shrove Tuesday.

14 April: Good Friday
Commemorates the crucifixion of Jesus Christ.

16 April: Easter Sunday (Western)
Celebrating the resurrection of Jesus.

25 December: Christmas Day
Celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ.

Chinese



28 January: Yuan Tan (Chinese New Year)
The beginning of the new Lunar Year. 2017 is the Year of the Rooster.

Judaism



12 March: Purim
Commemorates the time when Jews living in Persia were saved from extermination by Esther.

11-18 April: Pesach (Passover)
An eight day celebration of the exodus of the Jews from Egypt.

31 May: Shavuot
A two day celebration of the giving of the Torah (Law) to Moses on Mount Sinai.

20 - 22 September: Rosh Hashanah
Jewish New Year.

30 September: Yom Kippur
Day of Atonement - the most solemn day of the Jewish year.

4 October: Sukkot
Commemorates the years the Jews spent in the desert on their way to the Promised Land.

12 - 20 Dec: Hanukkah
Festival of Lights - An eight day celebration of the miracle of the oil in the Temple Lamp.

Hinduism



13 March: Holi
The Hindu Spring festival.

5 April: Ramnavami
Birth of Lord Rama, an incarnation of Vishnu and hero of the Ramayana.

14 August: Janmashtami
Celebration of the appearance on earth of Lord Krishna.

21 - 29 September: Navratri
Symbolises the triumph of good over evil and marks the Autumn.

19 October: Diwali (Festival of Lights)
Celebration of good over evil.