



Calderdale Interfaith Council



CALDERDALE INTERFAITH COUNCIL

2015 Calendar



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JANUARY 2015

- 1st** Shinto—Gantan-Sai (New Year)
Catholic Christian —Mary Mother of God
Orthodox Christian—Feast of St Basil
- 2nd** Nichiren Buddhism—Birthday of Daisaku Ikeda, President SGI
- 3rd** Milad un Nabi “Birth of the Prophet”
- 5th** Sikh -Birthday of Guru Gobind Singh (Nanakshahi Calendar)
Mahayana New Year
- 6th** Christian—Epiphany
Orthodox Christian—Feast of Theophany
- 7th** Orthodox Christian—Feast of the Nativity
Ethiopian Rastafari— Christmas Day
- 8th** Milad un Nabi (Shia)
- 11th** Christian—Baptism of Jesus
- 13th** Christian—St Hilary’s Day
Sikh—Maghi
- 15th** Hindu—Makar Sankranti.
- 15th** Shinto—Seijin Shiki
- 18th** Christian—Week of prayer for Christian Unity.
Baha’i—World Religion Day
- 19th** Ethiopian orthodox Christian —Timkat

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- 24th** Hindu—Vasant Panchami
- 25th** Christian— St Paul’s Day
- 26th** Nichiren Buddhsim—Founding of Soka Gakkai International, 1975
- 27th** Holocaust Memorial Day—A national event across the United Kingdom..
- 28th** Christian—St Thomas Aquinas



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February 2015

- 1st** Four Chaplains Sunday—Interfaith
Tridion begins Orthodox Christian
- 2nd** Christian— Candlemas
Anglican Christian—Presentation of Christ in the Temple
Celtic Christian—St Brigid of Kildare
Wican/Pagan—Imbolc—Lughnassad
- 3rd** Shinto—Setsubun—sai
- 4th** Jewish—Tu BiShvat—(begins sundown on 3rd)
- 14th** Christian—St Valentine’s Day
- 15th** Buddhist—Jain —Nirvana Day
Christian—transfiguration Sunday
- 16th** Nichiren Buddhism—Birth of Nichiren Daishonin 1222, founder of Nichiren Buddhism.
- 17th** Shrove Tuesday
- 18th** Ash Wednesday

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- 19th** Chinese New Year
B’hai—World Religion Day
- 26th** Baha’i—Ayyam-i-ha -Intercalary Days begin (26th—1st March)
(begins sundown on 25th)



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March 2015

- 1st** St David's Day— is the feast day of Saint David—the patron saint of Wales.
Orthodox Christian—Orthodox Sunday
- 2nd** Baha'i—19 Day Fast begins—(starts sundown on 1st)
- 5th** Jewish — Purim (begins sundown on 4th)
Buddhist—Magha Puja Day
- 6th** Hindu—Holi
Sikh—Hola Mohalla
Jewish — Shushan Purim
- 8th** International Women's Day (secular)
- 15th** Christian—Mothering Sunday
- 17th** St Patrick's Day— most commonly recognised of the patron saints of Ireland
Hindu—Maha Shivaratri
- 20th** Wicca —Ostara (north hemisphere_ Mabon (south hemisphere) spring equinox
- 21st** Hindi New Year
B'hai—Naw Ruz (New Year) (begins sundown on 20th)
Zoroastrian—Norooz—New Year
Hindu—Ramayana 21st—28th

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- 22nd** Christian —St Joseph's Day
- 28th** Hindu — Ramanavami
Zoroastrian—Birth of Prophet Zarathushtra
- 29th** Christian Palm Sunday



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APRIL 2015

- 2nd** Maundy Thursday
- 3rd** Christian—Good Friday
Jain—Mahavir Jayanti
- 4th** Buddhist—Theravada New Year
Jewish—Pesach (Passover until 11th) (begins sundown on 3rd)
Hindu—Hanuman Jayanti
Orthodox Christian - Lazarus Saturday
- 5th** Christian—Easter Sunday
- 6th** Christian—Easter Monday
- 8th** Hindu—Swaminarayan Jayanti
- 12th** Orthodox Christian—Pascha (Easter)
- 14th** Sikh - Vaisakhi—New Year
Hindu—Baisakhi
- 16th** Jewish—Yom HaShoah (begins sundown on 15th)
- 18th** Sikh—Birthday of Guru Angad Dev
- 21st** Baha'i—First day of Ridvan (begins sundown on 20th)
Rastafari—Anniversary of Haile Sellassie's visit to Jamaica
- 22nd** Jewish—Yom Hazikaron

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- 23rd** St Georges Day– England's National Day
- 23rd** Jewish—Yom Ha'Atzmaut
- 28th** Nichiren Buddhism—Anniversary of invocation of Nam Myoho Renge Kyo
- 29th** Baha'i—ninth day of Ridvan, commemorates the gathering of believers on the island in the Euphrates named Ridvan. (begins sundown on 28th)
- 30th** Christian St James the Great Day



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MAY 2015

- 1st** Pagan—May Day—Beltane
- 2nd** Baha'i—Twelfth day of Ridvan, final day of festival and end of holiday period.
- 4th** Buddhism— Visakha Puja—Buddha Day
Early May Bank Holiday
- 7th** Jewish—Lag B'Omer
- 13th** Islam—Lailat al Miraj (begins sundown on 12th)
- 17th** Jewish—Yom Yerushalayim
Hindu—Savutri Pooja
- 21st** Baha'i—Declaration of the Bab. The Baha'i holy day celebrating the Bab's announcement of his mission. (begins sundown on 20th)
- 24th** Christian—Pentecost
- 24th-25th** Jewish - Shavuot (begins sundown on 23rd)
- 25th** Christian—St Bede the Venerable
Spring Bank Holiday

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- 29th** Baha'i –Ascension of Baha'u'llah. The commemoration of death of Baha'u'llah, founder of the Baha'i faith. (begins sundown on 28th)
- 31st** Christian - Trinity Sunday
Orthodox Christian—Pentecost



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JUNE 2015

- 1st** Islam—Lailat al Bara'ah (begins sundown on 31st)
- 4th** Catholic—Corpus Christi
- 7th** Orthodox Christian—All Saints Day
- 16th** Sikh—Guru Arjan Dev Martyrdom
- 18th** Islam—First day of Ramadan
- 21st** Pagan—Litha, Yule- Midsummer, Summer Solstice
- Fathers Day
- 29th** Christian—Saints Peter and Paul Day

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JULY 2015

- 2nd** Buddhist—Asala—Dharma Day marks the beginning of the Buddha’s teaching, his first sermon, “The Wheel of Truth,” after his enlightenment.
- 3rd** Nichiren Buddhism—Mentor/Disciple Day
- 5th** Jewish—The 17th of Tammuz
- 9th** Baha’i—Martyrdom of the Bab. Anniversary of the Bab’s execution in 1850 in Tabriz, Iran. (begins sundown on 8th)
- 13th** Islam—Lailat al Kadr
Buddhist—Ulambana (Obon)
- 15th** Christian—St Swithin’s Day
- 16th** Nichiren Buddhism—submission of Rissho Ankoku Ron to ruling authorities in Japan, 1260
- 18th** Islam—Eid-UI-Fitr (end of Ramadan)
Hindu—Puri Rath Yatra
- 23rd** Rastafari—Earthday/Birthday of HIM Haile Selassie I.
- 26th** Jewish - Tish'a B'av (begins sundown on 25th)

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AUGUST 2015

- 1st** Christian—Lammas
Wicca—Lughnassad—Imbolc
- 6th** Christian —Transfiguration
- 13th** Shinto —Obon
- 15th** Christian - Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. A largely Roman Catholic festival celebrating the belief that Mary, the mother of Jesus was taken body and soul into Heaven
- 17th** Rastafari—Marcus Garvey Earthday/Birthday
- 19th** Hindu—Nag Panchami
- 28th** Hindu—Onam
- 29th** Hindu—Raksha Bandhan
Christian—Beheading of John the Baptist

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SEPTEMBER 2015

- 1st** Christian Orthodox—Ecclesiastical year begins
- 5th** Hindu—Krishna Janmashtami
- 8th** Christian—Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Christian Orthodox Nativity of the Theotokos/birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 14th** Christian—The Triumph of the Cross
- 14/15th** Jewish—Rosh Hashanah (begins sundown on 13th)
- 16th** Jewish—Fast of Gedaliah
- 17th** Hindu—Ganesh Chaturthi
- 18th** Jain—Paryushana Parva
- 22nd** Islam—Waqf al Arafah—Hajj
- 23rd** Wicca—Autumn Equinox (Mabon, Ostara)
Jewish—Yom Kippur
Islam—Eid al Adha
- 27th** Ethiopian Orthodox Christian—Meskel
- 28th** Jewish - Sukkot starts (begins sundown on 27th)

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29th Christian—Saint Michael, Saint Gabriel and Saint Raphael's Day



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OCTOBER 2015

Black History Month (BHM) - celebrating black history, culture and contributions

- 4th** Catholic Christian—St Francis Day
Jewish—Sukkot ends
Jewish—Hoshanah Rabbah
- 5th** Jewish—Shemini Atzeret
- 6th** Jewish— Simchat Torah
- 12th** Nichiren Buddhism,-Inscription of Dai Gohonzon 1279
- 13th** Nichiren Buddhism—Death of Nichiren Daishonin, 1282
- 13th /21st** Hindu—Navaratri
- 14th** Islam — Hijra—New Year
- 16th** Judaism—Shemini Atzeret
- 17th** Judaism— Simchat Torah
- 20th** Baha'i—Birthday of the Báb, celebrates the birth of the Báb
Sikh—formal installation of Scriptures of Guru Granth as guidance for Sikh's.
- 21st** Hindu—Durga Puja
- 22nd** Hindu– Dussera

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- 24th** Islam—Day of Ashura
- 26th** Hindu—Shardad Pumima
- 30th** Hindu—Karva Chauth
- 31st** Pagan– Samhain (Halloween) - All Hallow's Eve



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NOVEMBER 2015

National Interfaith Week is 15th—21st November

- 1st** Christian—All Saints Day
- 2nd** Catholic Christian— All Soul’s Day, directly follows All Saints Day.
- 9th** Hindu—Dhan Teras
- 11th** Hindu/Jain/Sikh—Diwali
Armistice Day— commemorates armistice signed end of WWI in 1918.
- 12th** Baha’i—Birth of Baha’u’llah. The founder of the Baha’i faith.
Jain—New Year
- 18th** Nichiren Buddhsim— Founding of Soka Gakkai , 1930
- 24th** Sikh—Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur, ninth Sikh Guru.
- 25th** Sikh—Guru Nanak Dev Sahib birthday 
- 26th** Baha’i —Day of the Covenant
- 28th** Baha’i—Ascension of the Abdu’l Baha

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29th Christian -Advent begins

30th St Andrew’s Day—Feast day of St Andrew , patron saint of Scotland.

Christian—Advent Sunday



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DECEMBER 2015

- 1st** World Aids Day
- 6th** Christian—St Nicholas Day
- 7th** Jewish—Hanukkah (begins at sundown on 6th—lasts 7 days)
- 8th** Catholic Christian—Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Buddhist—Bodhi Day—Rohatsu
- 12th** Catholic Christian —Our Lady of Guadeloupe
- 21st** Pagan/Wicca —Winter Solstice/Litha/Yule
- 23rd** Islam—Mawlid un Nabi
- 24th** Christian—Christmas Eve, the day before Christmas.
- 25th** Christian—Christmas Day, the day when Western Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.
- 26th** Boxing Day—the day after Christmas. A secular festival.
Christian—St Stephen’s Day.
Zoroastrian—Zarathosht Diso (death of prophet Zarathushtra)

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28th Christian—Holy Innocents

31st Christian—Watch Night
Hogmanay/New Year’s Eve



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CIC Diary 2015— Meetings open to all unless sub-committee

January

Monday 27th Holocaust Memorial Day at Halifax Minster @ 6.30pm

Wednesday 14th Womens' Interfaith, King Cross Fire Station

February

Thursday 5th Sub committee meeting @ 10.00am

Wednesday 11th Women's Interfaith—Self Defence at St Paul's, King Cross

March

Thursday 5th Sub committee @ 10.00am

Tuesday 17th Women's Interfaith—St Andrew's Church, Salter Hebble, Halifax

Thursday 26th General Meeting @ 10.30am —St Michaels Enterprise Centre, Mytholmroyd

April

Thursday 9th Sub committee @ 10.00am

Saturday 11th Visit to Bradford Synagogue

May

Thursday 28th May Away Day @ 10.00am

June

Tuesday 9th Food Festival @ 6.00pm—venue tba

Thursday 11th Sub committee @ 10.00am

July

Thursday 2nd Sub committee meeting @ 10.00am

August

Holiday Month

September

Thursday 3rd Sub committee meeting @ 10.00am

Monday 21st Annual General Meeting—venue tba

October

Thursday 1st Sub committee meeting @ 10.00am

November

Thursday 5th Sub committee meeting @ 10.00am

Sunday 8th Remembrance Sunday 10.30am Halifax Minster

Wednesday 18th Annual Celebration Event during Interfaith Week of 15th—22nd November 2013

Saturday 21st Faith Walk

December

Thursday 3rd Sub committee meeting @ 10.00am

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