

## 2023 ED&I CALENDAR

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## **JANUARY**

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## Religious/cultural

1 – Solemnity of Mary, mother of God *Catholic Christian* 

1 – Gantan-sai (new year) Shinto

5 – Twelfth night *Christian* 

5 – Birthday of Guru Gobind Singh

6 – Epiphany Christian

7 – Feast of the nativity Orthodox

#### Christian

7-9 – Mahayana new year \*\* Buddhist

8 – Baptism of the Lord Jesus

#### Catholic Christian

9 – Seijin no Hi Shinto

13 – Lohri/Maghi Hindu and Sikh

14 – Old new year Orthodox Christian

14 – Makar Sankranti \*\* Hindu

15-18 – Pongal \*\* *Hindu* 

18-25 – Week of prayer for Christian unity *Christian* 

19 – Timkat Ethiopian Orthodox Chris-

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22 – Lunar new year *Confucian, Daoist* 

## and Buddhist

25 – Conversion of Saint Paul

#### Christian

26 – Vasant Panchami \*\* Hindu, Sikh

#### and Jain

29 – Zacchaeus Sunday *Orthodox* 

#### Christian

31 – Birthday of Guru Har Rai Sikh

## Awareness and events

4 – World Braille day

8 – Ethnicity Pay Gap day

15 – World religion day

16 – Martin Luther King Jr day

24 – International day of education

25 – Robert Burns night (Burns night)

27 – Holocaust memorial day





## **FEBRUARY**

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## Religious/cultural

2 – Imbolc\*/Candlemas Wicca and

### Pagan

3 – Setsunbun-sai *Shinto* 

5 – Triodion begins Orthodox Christian

5 – Thaipusam \*\* Hindu

6 - Tu BiShvat \* Judaism

12 – Sunday of the prodigal son

#### Orthodox Christian

14 – Valentine's day *Christian* 

15 – Nirvana day Buddhist

18 – Maha Shivratri \*\* Hindu

18 – Lailat al-Miraj \* *Islam* 

19 – Meatfare Sunday Orthodox

#### Christian

21 – Losar begins *Buddhist* 

21 – Shrove Tuesday *Christian* 

22 – Ash Wednesday (start of

Lent) Christian

22 – Feast of the chair of Saint

Peter Catholic Christian

26 Feb-1 Mar – Intercalary days \*

#### Baha'i

26 – Cheesefare Sunday Orthodox

#### Christian

27 – Great Lent begins Orthodox

Christian

## Awareness and events

1 – World Hijab day

1-7 – World interfaith harmony week

2 – Time to talk day

4 – World Cancer day

6-12 – UK race equality week

6-12 – Children's mental health week

7 – Safer Internet Day

11 – International Day of Women

and Girls in Science

12 – Red hand day for child soldiers

15 – International Childhood Cancer Day

17 – World Human Spirit Day

20 – World Day of Social Justice





March is Prostate Cancer Awareness Month, Ovarian Cancer Awareness month, UK Marie Curie Cancer Care's great Daffodil appeal month and Women's History month.

## **MARCH**

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## Religious/cultural

- 1 St David's day Christian
- 2 Nineteen day fast begins Baha'i
- 5 Feast of Orthodoxy Orthodox

### Christian

- 6 Magha Puja \*\* Buddhist
- 7 Holika Dahan Hindu
- 7 Purim \* *Judaism*
- 8 Lailat al Bara'ah\* Islam
- 8 Holi \* Hindu
- 8-10 Hola Mohalla Sikh
- 14 Nanakshahi (new year) sikh
- 17 St Patrick's day *Christian*
- 19 Feast of St Joseph Christian
- 20 Ostara Wicca and Pagan
- 20 Nowruz (new year) Persian and

### Zoroastrian

- 21 Naw-Rúz \* Bahá'í
- 22 Chaitra Navratri begins Hindu
- 22 Ugadi (new year) Hindu
- 23 Ramadan \* begins *Islam*
- 25 Annunciation to the Theot-
- OKOS Orthodox Christian
- 25 Annunciation of the virgin
- Mary Christian
- 26 Khordad Sal *Zoroastrian*
- 28 Navpad Oli begins Jain
- 30 Rama Navami Hindu

- 1 Zero discrimination day
- 1 Self-injury awareness day (SIAD)
- 1 International wheelchair day
- 3 World hearing day
- 8 International women's day
- 8-10 TUC's women's conference
- 19 Mother's day
- 20 Spring equinox
- 20 International day of happiness
- 21 International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
- 21 World Down Syndrome day
- 24 World Tuberculosis (TB) day
- 25 International day of Remembrance of the victims of slavery and the transatlantic slave trade
- 27 Mar-2 Apr World Autism
- Acceptance Week
- 30 World Bipolar Day
- 31 International Trans Day of Visibility





# **APRIL**

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## Religious/cultural

- 2 Palm Sunday Christian
- 4 Mahavir Janma Kalyanak Jain
- 6-8 Theravada new year **Buddhist**
- 6-13 Passover *Judaism*
- 7 Good Friday Christian
- 8 Lazarus Saturday Orthodox

#### Christian

- 9 Palm Sunday Orthodox Christian
- 9 Easter Sunday Christian
- 10 Easter Monday Christian
- 13 –Thai new year *Buddhist*
- 14 Vaisakhi Hindu and Sikh
- 14 Puthandu Hindu
- 14 Holy Friday Orthodox Christian
- 16 Pascha (Easter) Orthodox

#### Christian

18 – Birthday of Guru Angad Dev

## Sikh

- 18 Laylat al-Qadr \*\* Islam
- 18 Yom HaShoah \* Judaism
- 21 First day of Ridvan \* Baha'i
- 22 Akshaya Tritiya *Hindu and Jain*
- 22 Eid al-Fitr \* Islam
- 23 Saint George's day *Christian*
- 25 Yom HaZikaron \* Judaism
- 25 Feast of Saint Mark the evan-
- gelist Catholic Christian
- 26 Yom Ha'Atzmaut \* Judaism
- 29 Ninth day of Ridvan \* Baha'i
- 30 Saint James the great's day

Orthodox Christian

## Awareness and events

- 1 Fool's day
- 2 World autism Awareness day
- 6 International Asexuality day
- 7 World Health day
- 8 International Romani day
- 22 Earth day
- 24-30 Multiple Sclerosis

## Awareness week

- 25 World Malaria day
- 26 Lesbian Visibility day
- 28 World day for Health and Safety at Work





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## Religious/cultural

- 1 Beltane \* Wicca and Pagan
- 2 Twelfth day of Ridvan \* Baha'i
- 2 Birthday of Guru Arjan Dev Sikh
- 3 Feast of Saints Philip and James *Catholic Christian*
- 5 Vesak Buddhist
- 9 Lag BaOmer \* Judaism
- 14 Feast of Saint Matthias Catholic
- 18 Feast of the ascension *Christian*
- 19 Yom Yerushalayim \* Judaism
- 23 Birthday of Guru Amar Das
- 24 Declaration of the Báb \* Baha'i
- $25-Feast of the ascension {\it Ortho-}$

#### dox Christian

- 26-27 Shavuot \* Judaism
- 28 Pentecost Christian
- 29 Ascension of Bahaʻu'llah\*
- 31 Visitation of the Blessed virgin Mary *Catholic Christian*

- 1-7 Deaf awareness week
- 7 International family equality day
- 8 World Red Cross and Red Crescent day
- 8-14 Coeliac UK awareness week
- 8-14 Mental health awareness week
- 15 International day of families
- 17 International day against homophobia, transphobia and biphobia
- 18 Global accessibility awareness day
- 21 World day for cultural diversity for dialogue and development
- 22 International day for biological diversity
- 24 Pansexual visibility day





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## Religious/cultural

- 4 Pentecost Orthodox Christian
- 4 Trinity Sunday *Christian*
- 8 The feast of Corpus Christi

#### Catholic Christian

- 12 The Apostles' fast Orthodox

  Christian
- 16 Feast of the sacred heart of Jesus *Catholic Christian*
- 16 Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev
- 24 Litha Wicca and Pagan
- $24-\mbox{\sc Nativity}$  of Saint John the
- Baptist Christian
- 27 Jun-1 Jul Hajj \* Islam
- 28 Waqf al Arafa \* Islam
- 29 Feast of Saints Peter and
- Paul Christian
- 29 Jun-2 Jul Eid al-Adha \* Islam

- 4 International day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression
- 10 Global Wellness day
- 11 Race Unity day
- 12 World day Against Child Labour
- 12-18 Men's Health week
- 15 World Elder Abuse awareness day
- 18 Autistic Pride day
- 18 Father's day
- 19-25 Refugee week
- 20 World Refugee day
- 21 Summer Solstice
- 22 UK Windrush day
- 26-30 School Diversity week
- 29-30 TUC's LGBT+ confer-
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## Religious/cultural

3 – Feast of the Saint Thomas the Apostle *Christian* 

3 – Asalha Puja (Dharma day)

#### Buddhist

5 – Birthday of Guru Hargobind

10 – Martyrdom of the Báb Baha'i

15 – Saint Vladimir the great day

### Orthodox Christian

19 – Islamic new year \* Islam

22 – Feast of Saint Mary Magda-

## lene Christian

23 – Birthday of Guru Har Krishan

23 – Birthday of Emperor Haile

Selassie Rastafari

24 – Pioneer day Mormon Christian

25 – Saint James the great's day

#### Christian

27 - Tish'a B'av \* Judaism

28 – Ashura \* Islam

## Awareness and events

14 – International Non-binaryPeople's day

18 – Nelson Mandela International day

28 – World Hepatitis day





# **AUGUST**

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## Religious/cultural

- 1 Lammas Christian
- 1 Lughnasadh *Wicca and Pagan*
- 1 Fast in honour of the holy mother of the lord Jesus *Orthodox*

#### Christian

- 2 The 15th of Av \* Judaism
- 6 Feast of transfiguration *Christian*
- 6- Transfiguration of the lord  $\ensuremath{\textit{Or-}}$

### thodox Christian

- 10 Feast of Saint Lawrence *Christian*
- 13-15 Obon \*\* *Buddhist*
- 15 Assumption of Mary Catholic

### Christian

15 – Dormition of the Theotokos

#### Orthodox Christian

- 22 Feast of the queenship of
- Mary Catholic Christian
- $24-Feast\ of\ Saint\ Bartholomew$
- the Apostle Christian
- 29 Beheading of Saint John the
- Baptist Christian
- 30 Raksha Bandhan Hindu

- 9 International day of the
  World's Indigenous people
  19 World Humanitarian day
  22 International day Commemorating the Victims of Acts of
  Violence based on Religion or
  Belief
- 23 International day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition





## SEPTEMBER

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## Religious/cultural

7 – Krishna Janmashtami \*\* Hindu

8 – Feast of the birth of the virgin Mary *Christian* 

8 – Nativity of the Theotokos *Orthodox Christian* 

dox Christian

11 – Paryushana Parvarambha begins \*\* *Jain* 

14 – Feast of the cross *Christian* 

16-17 - Rosh Hashanah \* Judaism

18 - Fast of Gedaliah Judaism

19 - Ganesh Chaturthi Hindu

19 – Samvatsari Jain

21 – Feast of Saint Matthew Christian

23 – Mabon Wicca and Pagan

25 – Yom Kippur \* Judaism

27 – Mawlid al-Nabi \* Islam

28 – Meskel Ethiopian Orthodox

#### Christian

28 - Anant Chaturdashi \*\* Hindu

29 – Feast of Saint Michael and all angels *Christian* 

30 Sept-6 Oct – Sukkot \* Judaism

## Awareness and events

10 – World Suicide Prevention day

15 – World Afro day's 'big Hair assembly'

18 – International Equal Pay day

21 – World Alzheimer's day

23 – Autumn Equinox

23 – Bi Visibility day

23 – International day of Sign

Languages

25 Sept-1 Oct – UK National Inclusion





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## Religious/cultural

- 2 Feast of the guardian angels Catholic *Christian*
- 4 Feast of St Francis of Assisi
- 4 Blessing of the animals *Christian*
- 7-8 Shemini Atzeret \* Judaism
- 8 Simchat Torah \* Judaism
- 9 Birthday of Guru Ram Das Sikh
- 12 Bandi Chhor Divas Sikh
- 15 Sharada Navaratri begins \*\*

  Hindu
- 15-24 Navaratri \*\* Hindu
- 16 Birth of the Báb \* Baba'i
- 17 Birth of Baha'u'llah \* Baha'i
- 18 Feast of Saint Luke Christian
- 23 Dussehra \*\* Hindu
- 28 Feast of Saints Simon and
- Jude Christian
- 31 All Hallows' Eve Christian
- 31 Reformation day *Protestant*

#### Christian

- 1 Anniversary of the introduction of the Equality Act
- 1 International day of Older Persons
- 2-8 Dyslexia Awareness week
- 5 World Teachers' day
- 6 World Cerebral Palsy day
- 10 World Mental Health day
- 11 International day of the Girl Child
- 11 National Coming Out day
- 12 World Sight day
- 15 International day of Rural Women
- 17 International day for the Eradication of Poverty
- 18 Anti-Slavery day
- 18 World Menopause day
- 18 International Pronouns day
- 20 Show Racism the Red
- Card's wear red day
- 26 Intersex Awareness day
- 29 World Stroke day





# **NOVEMBER**

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## Religious/cultural

- 1 Feast of all the saints *Christian*
- 1 Samhain \* Wicca and Pagan
- 2 All souls' day Christian
- 2 Coronation of Emperor Haile Selassie *Rastafari*
- 9 Feast of the dedication of the Archbasilica *Catholic Christian*
- 12 Diwali \*\* Hindu, Sikh and Jain
- 15 Nativity fast begins Orthodox

#### Christian

- 19 Chhath Puja Hindu
- 21 Presentation of the Theot-
- OKOS Orthodox Christian
- 24 Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur *Sikh*
- $26-Feast\ of\ Christ\ the\ King\ {\it Chris-}$
- 26 Day of the Covenant \* Baha'i
- 27 Birthday of Guru Nanak Dev Sikh
- 28 Ascension of Abdu'l–Bahá \*

### Baha'i

30 – Saint Andrew's day Christian

- 8 Intersex day of Solidarity
- 11 Armistice day
- 12 Remembrance Sunday
- 12-19 UK Inter Faith week
- 13 World Kindness day
- 13-19 Transgender Awareness week
- 14 World Diabetes day
- 16 International day for Tolerance
- 16 Nov-15 Dec Disability history month
- 19 International Men's day
- 20 World Children's day
- 20 Transgender day of Remembrance
- 25 International day for the elimination of violence against women





## **DECEMBER**

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## Religious/cultural

- 3 Advent Sunday Christian
- 8 Feast of the immaculate conception *Catholic Christian*
- 8 Rohatsu (Bodhi day) Buddhist
- 8-15 Hanukkah \* Judaism
- 16 Dhanu Sankranti \*\* Hindu
- 21 Yule Wicca and Pagan
- 22 Gita Jayanti Hindu
- 24 Christmas eve Christian
- 25 Christmas day *Christian*
- 25 Feast of the nativity of our
- lord Orthodox Christian
- $26-Feast\ of\ Saint\ Stephen\ \textit{Chris-}$

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- 26 Zarathosht diso Zoroastrian
- 28 Holy innocents' day *Christian*
- 31 Feast of the holy family *Catholic*

## Christian

31 – Watch night *Christian* 

- 1 World AIDS day
- 2 International day for the Abolition of Slavery
- 3 International day of Persons with Disabilities
- 10 Human Rights day
- 18 International Migrants' day
- 20 International Human Solidarity day
- 22 Winter Solstice
- 26 Boxing day
- 31 New Year's Eve/hogmanay



At Bidvest Noonan, we have an unwavering commitment to equality, diversity, and inclusion (E,D &I) in the workplace.

We want to make our people feel like they belong in the business, and their opinions are heard. We are making it our goal to develop a more diverse workforce and a more inclusive workplace to make our teams stronger and more creative.



