# THE RELIGIOUS FESTIVALS CALENDAR 2018



The Chaplaincy-Spiritual Care Team is here for everyone. We are a multi-faith team who offer spiritual and religious care to patients, staff, visitors and volunteers. We have put together this religious festivals calendar to help staff and patients celebrate the diverse range of religions and beliefs represented in our Trust. We plan events and celebrations around many of these festivals. Please contact us to find out more, or look out for information nearer the time in the Trust's newsletters.

## **JANUARY**

Friday 5 Jan Guru Gobind's Birthday Sikh

Sunday 14 Jan Makar Sankranti *Hindu* 

Tuesday 30 – Wednesday 31 Jan Tu B'shvat Jewish

## **FEBRUARY**

Wednesday 28 Feb – Thursday 1 Mar

Purim *lewish* 

Wednesday 14 Feb

Ash Wednesday

Christian

**Thursday 15 Feb** 

Parnirvana (Nirvana Day) Buddhist

Friday 16 Feb

Chinese New Year

Confucian, Taoist, Buddhist

## **MARCH**

Friday 2 Mar

Holi (Hola Mohalla) 'Festival of Colours'

Thursday 29 Mar

Mahavir Jayanti

Jain

Friday 30 Mar

**Good Friday** 

Christian

Friday 30 Mar - Saturday 7 Apr

Pesach (Passover)

Jewish

# **APRIL**

Sunday 1 Apr Easter Sunday Christian

Saturday 14 Apr Vaisakhi Sikh

#### MAY

Tuesday 15 May – Thursday 14 Jun (Tentative)

Ramadan

Muslim

Saturday 19 - Monday 21

May

Shavout

Jewish

**Tuesday 29 May** 

Vesak (Buddha Day)

Buddhist

# JUNE

Thursday 14 -Friday 15 Jun Eid al-Fitr Muslim

Saturday 16 Jun Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev Sikh

# **AUGUST**

Tuesday 21 – Saturday 25 Aug (Tentative) Eid ul-Adha Muslim

## **SEPTEMBER**

Sunday 9 – Tuesday 11 Sep Rosh Hashanah

Jewish

Tuesday 18 – Wednesday 19 Sep

Yom Kippur

Jewish

Sunday 23 - Sunday 30 Sep

Sukkot

Jewish

Sunday 30 Sep – Tuesday 2 Oct Shmini Atzeret & Simchat Torah *lewish* 

#### **NOVEMBER**

Wednesday 7 Nov Diwali / Bandi Chhorh Divas *Hindu, Sikh* 

Friday 23 Nov Guru Nanak's Birthday Sikh

## **DECEMBER**

Sunday 2 – Monday 10 Dec

Hanukkah Jewish

**Tuesday 25 December** Christmas *Christian*