

Public Events Calendar 2019

A resource for churches in Wales

Please note

- The main Christian celebrations are not listed on the assumption all churches will know them
- No one is expected to mark all of these - choose the ones that suit your context
- Interfaith events and festivals are available separately - please ask
- This is a developing bi-lingual ecumenical resource. Please send information on anything else you would like to see included here to Sally Thomas - ecumenical@urcwales.org.uk or sally@cytun.cymru

Dates	Event	Website
Wednesday 16 January	Martin Luther King Day	www.nationalservice.gov/mlkday
Friday 18 - Friday 25 Jan.	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity	www.ctbi.org.uk
Monday 21 January	National Hugging Day	www.nationalhuggingday.com
Mon 21 - Sun 27 Jan.	Cervical Cancer Prevention Week	www.jostrust.org.uk
Sat 26 - Mon 28 Jan.	Big Garden Birdwatch	www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch
Sun 27 Jan - Sun 3 Feb	National Story Telling Week	www.sfs.org.uk
Sunday 27 January	Holocaust Memorial Day	www.hmd.org.uk
Sunday 27 January	World Leprosy Sunday	www.leprosymission.org.uk
Thursday 31 January	Young Carers Awareness Day	www.carers.org
1-28 February	LGBT History Month	www.lgbthistorymonth.org.uk
Sunday 3 February	World Cancer Day	www.cancerresearchuk.org
Mon 4 - Sun 10 February	Sexual Abuse and Sexual Violence Awareness Week	www.sexualabuseandsexualviolenceawarenessweek.org
Wednesday 6 Feb.	International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation	www.un.org/en/events/femalegenitalmutilationday/
Thursday 7 February	Time to Talk Day	www.timetochangewales.org.uk
Monday 11 February	International Day of Women and Girls in Science	www.un.org/en/events/women-and-girls-in-science-day/index.shtml
Monday 11 February	Red Hand Day (against child soldiers)	www.redhandday.org

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Friday 15 February	International Child Cancer Day	www.worldchildcancer.org
Sunday 17 February	Random Acts of Kindness Day	www.randomactsofkindness.org/
Sunday 17 February	Racial Justice Sunday	www.urc.org.uk www.catholicnews.org.uk
Sunday 17 February	Student Sunday	www.movement.org.uk
Wednesday 20 Feb.	World Day of Social Justice	www.un.org/en/events/socialjusticeday/
Thursday 21 February	International Mother Language Day	www.un.org/en/events/motherlanguageday/
Mon 25 Feb-3 March	Eating Disorders Awareness Week	www.beateatingdisorders.org.uk
Mon 25 Feb.-10 March	Fair Trade Fortnight	www.fairtradewales.com/we/
Friday 1 March	St David's Day / Day of Prayer for Wales	www.cymrugyfan.org
Friday 1 March	Women's World Day of Prayer	www.wwdp-natcomm.org
Friday 1 March	Zero Discrimination Day	www.unaids.org/en/resources/campaigns/zero_discrimination
Sunday 3 March	Church Action on Poverty Sunday	www.church-poverty.org.uk/sunday
Sunday 3 March	National Mosque Open Day	www.visitmysmosque.org
Sunday 3 March	World Wildlife Day	www.un.org/en/events/wildlifeday/
Thursday 7 March	World Book Day	www.readingwales.org.uk
Friday 8 March	International Women's Day	www.internationalwomensday.com
Fri. 8- Sun.17 March	British Science Week	www.britishscienceweek.org
Tuesday 12 - 19 March	Dementia Prayer Week	www.pastoralcareproject.org.uk/dementia-prayer-week.html
Thursday 14 March	Pi Day	www.piday.org
Thursday 21 March	Elimination of Racial Discrimination	www.un.org/en/events/racialdiscriminationday/
Thursday 21 March	World Poetry Day	www.un.org/en/events/poetryday/
Thursday 21 March	International Day of Forests	www.un.org/en/events/forestsday/
Friday 22 March	World Water Day	www.unwater.org/worldwaterday/
Friday 22 March	World Tuberculosis Day	www.who.int/campaigns/tb-day/2018/event/en/
Monday 25 March	UN / Victims of Slavery and Slave Trade	www.un.org/en/events/slaveryremembranceday/
Saturday 30 March	Earth Hour 8.30-9.30pm	www.earthhour.org

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Mon.1- Sat. 7 April	World Autism Week	www.autism.org.uk
Tuesday 2 April	International Children's Book day	www.ibby.org
Friday 6 April	International Day of Sport for Development and Peace	www.un.org/en/events/sportday/
Saturday 7 April	World Health Day	www.who.int
Tuesday 9 April	Dietrich Bonhoeffer - died this day 1945	www.dbonhoeffer.org
Friday 12 April	International Day of Human Space Flight	www.un.org/en/events/humanspaceflightday/
Sundays after Easter	Laughter (or Holy Humour) Sundays	www.joyfulnoiseletter.com
Monday 22 April	International Mother Earth Day	www.un.org/en/events/motherearthday/
Mon 22-Sun 28 April	Fashion Revolution Week	www.fashionrevolution.org
Wednesday 24 April	Armenian Genocide Day	www.genocide-museum.am
Thursday 25 April	World Malaria Day	www.worldmaliaday.org
Sunday 28 April	International Workers' Memorial Day	www.hazards.org/wmd
Mon 29 Apr-Sun 5 May	International Screen Free Week	www.screenfree.org
Sun 5 - Sun 19 May	Pray for Schools Fortnight	www.prayforschools.org
Thursday 9 May	Europe Day	www.europa.eu
Sun 12 - Sat 18 May	Christian Aid Week	www.christianaid.org.uk
Sunday 12 May	Vocations Sunday	www.ukvocation.org
Sunday 12 May	World Migratory Bird Day	www.worldmigratorybirdday.org
Mon 13 - Sun 19 May	Dying Matters Awareness Week	www.dyingmatters.org
Wednesday 15 May	Int. Conscientious Objectors' Day	www.wri-irg.org/en/taxonomy/term/6
Monday 20 May	World Bee Day	www.un.org/en/events/beeday/
Mon 20- Sat 25 May	Walk to School Week	www.livingstreets.org.uk
Mon 20 - Sun 26 May	Dementia Awareness Week	www.alzheimers.org.uk
Mon 20 - Sun 26 May	Children's Hospice Week	www.togetherforshortlives.org.uk
Wednesday 22 May	International Day for Biodiversity	www.cbd.int/idb/
Mon 27 May-Sat 1 June	Urdd Eisteddfod, Cardiff Bay	www.urdd.cymru
Tuesday 28 May	Amnesty International (founded 1961)	www.amnesty.org.uk
Sat. 1 - Fri. 7 June	Volunteers' Week	www.wcva.org.uk/volunteering

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Sat 1 - Sun 9 June	Wales Biodiversity Week	www.biodiversitywales.org.uk
Sunday 2 June	Environment Sunday	www.united-church.ca
Monday 3 June	World Bicycle Day	www.un.org/en/events/bicycleday/
Mon 3 -Sun 9 June	Child Safety Week	www.capt.org.uk
Wednesday 5 June	World Environment Day	www.un.org/en/events/environmentday/
Saturday 8 June	World Oceans Day	www.worldoceansday.org
Wednesday 12 June	World Day Against Child Labour	www.ilo.org
Friday 14 June	World Blood Donor Day	www.who.int/who-campaigns/world-blood-donor-day
Saturday 15 June	World Elder Abuse Day	www.un.org/en/events/elderabuse/
Mon 17 - Sun 23 June	World Refugee Week	www.refugeeweek.org.uk
Wednesday 19 June	International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict	www.un.org/en/events/elimination-of-sexual-violence-in-conflict/index.shtml
Fri. 21 - Sun 23 June	Weekend of Invitation	www.weekendofinvitation.com
Wednesday 26 June	International Day in Support of Victims of Torture	www.un.org/en/events/torturevictimsday/
Sunday 30 June	Sanctuary Church Sunday	www.refugeeweek.org.uk
Sunday 30 June	International Day of Parliamentarism	www.un.org/en/events/parliamentarismday/index.shtml
Sunday 7 July	Sea Sunday	www.missiontoseafarers.org
Thursday 11 July	World Population Day	www.un.org/en/events/populationday/
Thursday 18 July	Mandela Day	www.mandeladay.com
Mon 22 -Thurs 25 July	Royal Welsh Show, Builth Wells	www.rwas.wales
Sunday 28 July	World Hepatitis Day	www.worldhepatitisday.org
Tuesday 30 July	International Day of Friendship	www.un.org/en/events/friendshipday/
Tuesday 30 July	World Day against Trafficking in Persons	www.un.org/en/events/humantrafficking/
Fri 2 - Sat. 10 August	National Eisteddfod of Wales, Llanrwst	www.eisteddfod.org.uk
Tuesday 6 August	Hiroshima Day	www.atomicarchive.com and/or www.cymdeithasycymod.org.uk
Friday 9 August	International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples	www.un.org/en/events/indigenousday/
Monday 12 August	International Youth Day	www.un.org/development/desa/youth/international-youth-day

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Monday 19 August	World Humanitarian Day	www.un.org/en/events/humanitarianday/
Wednesday 21 August	International Day of Remembrance and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism	www.un.org/en/events/victimsofterrorismday/index.shtml
Friday 23 August	Remembering the Slave Trade & Abolition	www.liverpoolmuseums.org.uk
Thursday 29 August	International Day against Nuclear Tests	www.un.org/en/events/againstnucleartestsday/
Friday 30 August	International Day of the Disappeared	www.icaed.org
Sun1 Sept - Fri 4 Oct.	Creation Time	www.ctbi.org.uk / www.ecen.org www.acen.anglicancommunion.org
Thursday 5 September	International Day of Charity	www.un.org/en/events/charityday/
Sunday 8 September	International Literacy Day	www.unesco.org
Sunday 8 September	Education Sunday	www.educationsunday.org
Tuesday 10 September	World Suicide Prevention Day	www.who.int/mental_health/prevention/suicide/wspd/en/
Sunday 15 September	International Day of Democracy	www.un.org/en/events/democracyday/
Monday 16 September	International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer	www.un.org/en/events/ozoneday/
Friday 20 September	Jeans for Genes Day	www.jeansforgenesday.org
Saturday 21 September	UN International Day of Peace	www.internationaldayofpeace.org
Sunday 22 September	Peacemaking Sunday	www.jointpublicissues.org.uk
Monday 23 September	International Day of Sign Languages	www.un.org/en/events/signlanguagesday/
Thurs. 26 September	European Languages Day	www.edl.ecml.at
Thurs. 26 September	International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons	www.un.org/en/events/nuclearweaponelimination/
Friday 27 September	World Tourism Day	www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/events/world-tourism-day/
Saturday 28 September	International Day for Universal Access to Information	www.en.unesco.org/commemorations/accesstoinformationday
Saturday 28 September	World Rabies Day	www.who.int/rabies/WRD_landing_page/en/
Saturday 28 September	World's Biggest Coffee Morning	coffee.macmillan.org.uk
Monday 30 September	International Translation Day	www.un.org/en/events/translationday/index.shtml
Tues. 1- Thurs. 31 Oct.	Black History Month	www.bhmwales.org.uk/

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Tuesday 1 October	International Day of Older Persons	www.un.org/en/events/olderpersonsday/
Tuesday 1 October	World Habitat Day	www.un.org/en/events/habitatday/
Friday 4 October	International Day of Non-violence (Birthday of Mahatma Gandhi)	www.un.org/en/events/nonviolenceday/index.shtml
Friday 4 October	National Poetry Day	www.nationalpoetryday.co.uk
Saturday 5 October	World Smile Day	www.worldsmileday.com
Sunday 5 October	Homelessness Sunday	www.housingjustice.org.uk
Saturday 5 October	World Teachers' Day	www.en.unesco.org/commemorations/worldteachersday
Sun 6 - Sat 12 October	Good Money Week	www.goodmoneyweek.com
Wednesday 9 October	World Post Day	www.un.org/en/events/postday/
Thursday 10 October	World Mental Health Day	www.mentalhealth.org.uk
Friday 11 October	International Day of the Girl Child	www.un.org/en/events/girlchild/
Friday 11 October	World Day against the Death Penalty	www.worldcoalition.org
Sunday 13 October	Freedom Sunday	www.stophetraffik.org
Sunday 13 October	International Day for Disaster Reduction	www.un.org/en/events/disasterreductionday/
Sunday 13 October	World Migratory Bird Day	www.worldmigratorybirdday.org
Sun 13-Sat 19 October	Prisons Week	www.prisonweek.org
Sun 13 -Sun 20 Oct.	Week of Prayer for World Peace	www.weekofprayerforworldpeace.com
Tuesday 15 October	International Day of Rural Women	www.un.org/en/events/ruralwomenday/
Wednesday 16 October	World Food Day	www.fao.org/world-food-day
Thursday 17 October	International Day for the Eradication of Poverty	www.un.org/en/events/povertyday/
Friday 18 October	Anti Slavery Day	www.antislaveryday.com
Sunday 20 October	Healthcare Sunday	www.cmf.org.uk
Sun 20 -Sun 27 Oct.	One World Week	www.oneworldweek.org
Thursday 24 October	United Nations Day	www.un.org/en/events/unday
Thursday 24 October	World Development Information Day	www.un.org/en/events/devinfoday/
Sunday 27 October	Recovery Sunday in Wales	www.livingroom-cardiff.com
Sunday 27 October	World Day for Audiovisual Heritage	www.un.org/en/events/audiovisualday/
Thursday 31 October	World Cities Day	www.un.org/en/events/citiesday/

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Fri 1 -Sat 30 November	Islamophobia Awareness Month	www.islamophobia-awareness.org/what-is-iam/
Saturday 2 November	International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists	www.un.org/en/events/journalists/
Sunday 3 November	Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church	www.idop.org/web/
Sunday 3 November	Day of Prayer for Christians in the Media	www.christiansinmedia.co.uk/pray4media/
Mon 4-Sat 9 November	Living Wage Week	www.livingwage.org.uk/living-wage-week
Tuesday 5 November	World Tsunami Awareness Day	www.un.org/en/events/tsunamiday/
Wednesday 6 November	International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict	www.un.org/en/events/environmentconflictday/
Sunday 10 November	World Science Day for Peace and Development	www.un.org/en/events/scienceday/
Sunday 10 November	Remembrance Sunday	www.ctbi.org.uk
Sun 10 -Sun 17 Nov.	Interfaith Week	https://www.interfaithweek.org
Monday 11 November	Remembrance (Armistice) Day	various web sites
Mon 11 - Sat 16 Nov.	Transgender Awareness Week	www.glaad.org/transweek
Mon. 11 - Fri.15 Nov.	Anti-Bullying Week	www.antibullyingweek.co.uk
Thursday 14 November	World Diabetes Day	www.un.org/en/events/diabetesday/
Saturday 16 November	International Day for Tolerance	www.un.org/en/events/toleranceday/
Sunday 17 November	Day of prayer with persecuted Christians	www.csw.org.uk
Sunday 17 November	World Day of Remembrance for Road traffic Victims	www.worlddayofremembrance.org
Tuesday 19 November	World Toilet Day	www.worldtoiletday.org
Wednesday 20 Nov.	Transgender Day of Remembrance	www.glaad.org/tdor
Wednesday 20 Nov.	Universal Children's Day	www.un.org/en/events/childrenday/
Wednesday 20 Nov.	World Television Day	www.un.org/en/events/televisionday/
Thursday 21 November	World Philosophy Day	www.un.org/en/events/philosophyday/
Sat 23 Nov.-Sun 1 Dec.	National Tree Week	www.treecouncil.org.uk
Monday 25 November	International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women	www.un.org/en/events/endviolenceday/

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Mon 25 Nov - Tues 10 Dec	16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence	www.un.org/womenwatch
Tuesday 26 November	Giving Tuesday	www.givingtuesday.org.uk
Friday 29 November	International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People	www.un.org/en/events/palestinianday/index.shtml
Saturday 30 November	Day of Remembrance for all Victims of Chemical Warfare	www.un.org/en/events/chemwarfareday/
Sunday 1 December	World Aids Day	www.worldaidsday.org
Sunday 1 December	Tree Dressing Day	www.commonground.org.uk
Monday 2 December	International Day for the Abolition of Slavery	www.un.org/en/events/slaveryabolitionday/
Tuesday 3 December	International Day of Persons with Disabilities	www.un.org/en/events/disabilitiesday/
Thursday 5 December	International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development	www.un.org/en/events/volunteerday/
Thursday 5 December	World Soil Day	www.un.org/en/events/soilday/#
Saturday 7 December	International Civil Aviation Day	www.un.org/en/events/civilaviationday/index.shtml
Monday 9 December	International Genocide Prevention Day	www.un.org/en/events/genocidepreventionday/
Monday 9 December	International Anti-Corruption Day	www.un.org/en/events/anticorruptionday/
Tuesday 10 December	Human Rights Day	www.un.org/events/humanrights
Wednesday 11 Dec.	International Mountain Day	www.un.org/en/events/mountainday/
Wednesday 18 Dec.	International Migrants Day	www.un.org/en/events/migrantsday/
Friday 20 December	International Human Solidarity Day	www.un.org/en/events/humansolidarityday/