

# 2011 Stockton's Multi-Faith Calendar

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**1st Secular**  
New Years day

**5th Sikh**  
Birthday of Guru Gobind Singh

**14th Hindu**  
Makar Sankranti – important Hindu festival celebrating the sun's journey into the northern hemisphere

**27th Multi-faith**  
Holocaust memorial day – remembering the millions of Jews who were murdered in the Second World War

**31st Sikh**  
Birthday of Guru Har Rai

## FEB

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**3rd Chinese**  
Chinese New Year

**8th Hindu**  
Vasant Panchami Hindu Spring Festival

**8th & 15th Buddhist**  
Parinivarna (Nirvana Day) - different groups of Buddhists celebrate on one of the two dates

**15th & 20th Muslim**  
Milad Un Nabi – Birthday of the prophet Muhammad - Sunni Muslims celebrate on the 15th and Shia Muslims on the 20th

## MAR

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**3rd Hindu**  
Mahashivratri Hindu festival dedicated to Shiva one of the Hindu Holy Trinity

**5th Secular**  
World Women's Day

**8th Christian**  
Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day) The day before the start of Lent when Christians traditionally feast in preparation of the Lent Fast

**19th Hindu**  
Holi Hindu Spring Festival

**20th Jewish**  
Purim - Jewish festival celebrating the courage of Esther saving the Jewish people in Biblical times

**20th Sikh**  
Hola Mohalla start of a three day festival combining military exercises with religious devotion

**1st March** – St David's day (patron saint of Wales)  
**17th March** – St Patrick's day (patron saint of Ireland)

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**12th Hindu**  
Raman Navami Birthday of Lord Rama

**13th Sikh**  
Vaisakhi Sikh New Year celebrations

**14th Sikh**  
Birthday of Guru Nanak

**18th Sikh**  
Birthday of Guru Tegh Bahadur & Guru Angad Dev

**22nd Christian**  
Good Friday when Christians remember the crucifixion of Jesus Christ

**19th Jewish**  
First day of the Passover celebrating when the angel of death passed over the houses of the Jews whilst they were in exile in Egypt

**24th Christian**  
Easter Sunday when Christians celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ

**26th Jewish**  
Final day of the Passover festival

**23rd April** – St George's day (patron saint of England)

## MAY

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**2nd Sikh**  
Birthday of Guru Arjan Dev

**9th Jewish**  
Yom Ha'atzmaut Israel Independence Day

**17th Buddhist**  
Wesak (or Buddha Day) Birthday of Buddha

**23rd Sikh**  
Birthday of Guru Amar Das

**Infinity Festival**  
River Tees/Tees Barrage 14th – 15th May

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**2nd Christian**  
Ascension Day The day Christians celebrate Jesus Christ's ascension into heaven

**12th Christian**  
Pentecost Christians celebrate the day the Holy Spirit descended onto the disciples and the birth of the Christian Church

**16th Sikh**  
The martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev – Guru Arjan Dev was the first Sikh Martyr and was also responsible for gathering all the past Sikh Gurus' writings into one holy book – the Guru Granth Sahib

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**5th Sikh**  
Birthday of Guru Hargobind

**15th Buddhist**  
Asala (Dharma Day) The anniversary of Buddha's first teaching after His enlightenment

**19th Jewish**  
17th Tammuz An important Jewish fast day

**23rd Sikh**  
Birthday of Guru Harkrishen

**SIRF + FRINGE** - Riverside 4th – 7th July  
**Mela** - multi-cultural festival of food, performance and fun – 16th & 17th July – Albert Park Middlesbrough

## AUG

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**1st Muslim**  
Start of the fast of Ramadan when Muslims are not allowed to eat or drink during the hours of daylight

**9th Jewish**  
Tisha B'Av Solemn day commemorating a series of misfortunes to befall the Jewish people throughout history

**22nd Hindu**  
Janmashtani Hindu festival celebrating the birth of Krishna the most venerated God in the Hindu pantheon

**30th Muslim**  
Eid Ul Fitra Celebration of the end of Ramadan

**Billingham International Folklore Festival**  
Billingham 5th – 13th August

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**28th Hindu**  
Navaratri Start of the nine day autumn festival

**29th Jewish**  
Rosh Hashana Start of the two day festival celebrating Jewish New Year

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**6th Hindu**  
Dusseera Celebrates Lord Rama's victory over the evil demon Ravana

**8th Jewish**  
Yom Kippur Day of atonement most solemn day in the Jewish calendar

**9th Sikh**  
Birthday of Guru Ram Das

**13th Jewish**  
Sukkot Start of the seven day feast of the tabernacles celebrating the Jews time in the desert following the exodus from Egypt

**26th Hindu & Sikh**  
Diwali The festival of lights

**31st Christian & Secular**  
Halloween

**Yarm Fair** - Yarm 13th – 15th October  
**Are you being served well** – Older person's consultation event - 25th October – Oakwood Centre Eaglescliffe  
**Halloween Fright Night** – Preston Park 31st October

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**1st Christian**  
All Saints Day when Christians remember all Christian Saints

**6th Muslim**  
Eid Ul Adha Start of a three day festival of sacrifice

**11th Multi-faith**  
Armistice day at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month people all over the UK remember all those killed in war on the anniversary of the end of World War One.

**24th Sikh**  
The martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur the Guru was martyred for refusing to convert to Islam

**26th Muslim**  
Al Hijira Islamic New year

**Fireworks Display** – Riverside 5th November  
**Stockton Sparkles** – Stockton 27th November – 24th December  
**30 November** - St Andrew's day (patron saint of Scotland)

## DEC

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**5th Muslim**  
Ashura Muslim holy day marking the martyrdom of the Prophet's grandson Hussein

**8th Buddhist**  
Bodhi Day celebration of Buddha's attainment of enlightenment under a Bodhi tree

**13th Jewish**  
10th Tevet important Jewish Fast day

**21st Jewish**  
Hanukkah Jewish festival of lights

**25th Christian**  
Christmas Day celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ

**26th Secular**  
Boxing Day a secular celebration the day after Christmas



Christian



Chinese



Hindu



Jewish



Muslim



Sikh



Buddhism