



Bahá'í



Buddhism



Christianity



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Islam



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Judaism



Paganism



Rastafarianism



Shinto



Sikhism



Taoism



Zoroastrianism

# Faith Calendar 2007

## NOVEMBER

### 2 **Anniversary Haile Selassie's coronation** *Rastafarianism*



On this day, Rastafarians celebrate the crowning of Haile Selassie I, the Emperor of Ethiopia, who is believed to be the Messiah.

### 8 & 9 **Diwali and New Year**

*Hinduism Jainism*



Diwali symbolises the victory of light over darkness and knowledge over ignorance. Its main focus is Lakshmi, the Goddess of Wealth. Among Jains, this day is celebrated as the death anniversary of Lord Mahavira's and his spiritual liberation.

### 9 **Kali Pooja** *Hinduism*



A festival to honour the great goddess Maha Devi in her role as Kali, Goddess of Death, Decay and Transformation.

### 9 **Bandi Chhor Divas** *Sikhism*



Sikhs celebrate the sixth Guru's arrival at Amritsar on Diwali, following his release from Fort Gwallior. He also secured the release of 52 Hindu rajas from the same prison, after which he was

called Bandi Chhor. This day also marks the martyrdom of Bhai Bani Singh.

### 12 **Birthday of Bahá'u'lláh** *Bahá'í*



Celebrates the birth of Bahá'u'lláh, one of the twin founding figures of the Bahá'í faith, who was born in 1817 in Tehran, Persia.

### 15 **Shichi-Go-San** *Shinto*



Girls of seven and three and boys of five dress up in new clothes and visit a Shinto shrine to pray for their future well-being.

### 24 **Birthday of Guru Nanak** *Sikhism*



Celebrates the birth of Guru Nanak, founder of the Sikh religion.

### 24 **Martyrdom (Shaheedi Divas) of Guru Tegh Bahadur** *Sikhism*



Commemorates the martyrdom of the ninth Guru in 1675. Sikhs revere Guru Tegh Bahadur as someone who gave up his life so that others could practice whichever faith they chose.

### 30 **St Andrew's Day** *Christianity*



Commemorates the patron saint of Scotland.



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