



Diversity Calendar

September 2020

Date	Religion/Culture	Event
Sept 2 nd	Chinese Holiday celebrated by Buddhists and Taoists	Hungry Ghost Festival - Also known as the Zhong Yuan Festival. It is a celebration in honour of the dead, whose spirits roam the mortal world in search of food and entertainment. Customs include extravagant stage shows, street parties, food and offerings for the dead.
Sept 7 th	North America	Labour Day – Statutory holiday celebrating and honouring the contributions labourers have made to both the U.S. and Canada.
Sept 11 th	Ethiopia	Enkutatash/New Year - New Year in Ethiopia. This is a large celebration for Ethiopians around the world. As well as celebrating a new year, Ethiopians also commemorate the return of Queen Sheba from Jerusalem, on this day. Customs include preparation of a special bread and stew, and donning new clothes.
Sept 18 th to 20 th	Judaism	Rosh Hashanah - the Jewish New Year. A two day celebration, starting at sundown on Friday and ending at sundown on Sunday, welcoming in a new year and commemorating the creation of Adam and Eve. Customs include sounding the Shofar, praying at the Synagogue and festive meals.
Sept 27 th	Orthodox, Christianity	Elevation of the Life Giving Cross – Celebrating the finding and the recovery of the Cross on which, Jesus Christ was crucified. Customs include a holy day of fasting, followed by an after-fast meal.
Sept 27 th – 28 th	Judaism	Yom Kippur – This is one the holiest days in the Jewish calendar, recognised as the Day of Atonement. Customs include praying for forgiveness, fasting, blowing of the Shofar marking the end of the fast and after-fast meals.
Sept 28 th	Ethiopian Orthodox	Meskel - Commemorating the finding of the Cross by St. Helena, Ethiopians celebrate this day as one of the most important feasts of the year. Customs include burning of the Demera, street parties, followed by food and festivities.
Sept 29 th	Anglican Church	Michaelmas - known as the Feast of Archangels to commemorate Archangel Michael defeating Satan. Customs include outdoor activities such as horseracing, games and sports with families and friends. Goose is one the many traditional foods, as well as baking special breads.

Above are the main multicultural celebrations for the month of September, 2020. There may be some celebrations, which have not been included in this calendar and customs may vary. If you would like me to add your special holiday or vary the customs, please write me at afsana@gcmmediation.com.