

2012 Calendar of Important Dates



This calendar of 'important' dates is designed to be informative, rather than prescriptive. There are many, many more dates that various organisations such as the United Nations, UNESCO, the World Council of Churches and the National Council of Churches in Australia (amongst others) have designated as days to celebrate, mourn or remember. The dates below have been selected based on past interest and involvement of Churches of Christ churches and members, the theme of Gospel love being made apparent in care for others and also how the subjects of some of these commemorative dates can link in with existing local church and national agency ministries.

Of course, not all churches will commemorate all the dates below: it would be both impractical and bordering on tokenistic to do so. It may be that one or two of these dates resonate (aside from Christmas and Easter, of course!) with your church community, and you want to make a feature of them. If you do, we'd love to hear about what you're doing.

For more details throughout the year, consult the relevant websites below, as well as the Council of Churches of Christ website, Facebook page and the State Conference websites.

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<i>All dates are accurate at the time of printing</i>	
2012	UN International Year of Cooperatives, social.un.org/coopsyear/
February	
22	Ash Wednesday – Lent begins
March	
2	World Day of Prayer, www.worlddayofprayeraustralia.org/
8	International Women's Day, www.internationalwomensday.com/
21	International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, www.un.org/depts/dhl/racial
22	World Water Day, www.unesco.org/new/en/natural-sciences/environment/water/
April	
6	Good Friday
7	Lent ends
8	Easter Sunday
25	ANZAC Day
May	
3-5	AND – Vic/Tas Churches of Christ Festival of Ideas, Imagination and Stories (incl AGM), www.churchesofchrist.org.au
4-5	NSW Churches of Christ Annual Conference, www.freshhope.org.au
8-12	SA/NT Churches of Christ Annual Convention & AGM, www.churchesofchrist-sa.org.au/
13	Mother's Day
15	International Day of Families, www.timeanddate.com/holidays/un/international-day-of-families
26	National Sorry Day, www.nsdcc.org.au
27	Pentecost Sunday

June	
5	World Environment Day, www.unep.org/wed/
12	World Day Against Child Labor, www.12to12.org/
20	World Refugee Day, www.un.org/en/events/refugeeday/
July	
1-8	NAIDOC Week, www.naidoc.org.au
25-29	18 th World Convention Gathering, www.worldconvention.org
August	
6	Hiroshima Day
12	International Youth Day, www.timeanddate.com/holidays/un/international-youth-day
26	Refugee and Migrant Sunday, www.sacc.asn.au/en/index.php?rubric=en_resources
September	
2	Father's Day
10	World Suicide Prevention Day, www.who.int/mediacentre/events/annual/world_suicide_prevention_day/en/index.html
21	International Day of Peace, www.internationaldayofpeace.org/
30	Social Justice Sunday ¹
October	
7	Churches of Christ Sunday ² and World Communion Sunday, cofcaustralia.org
16 -22	Anti-Poverty Week, www.antipovertyweek.org.au
20	WA Churches of Christ AGM, cofcaustralia.org
November	
11	Remembrance Day
17	Queensland Churches of Christ AGM, www.cofcql.com.au
20	Universal Children's Day, www.un.org/depts/dhl/children_day
25	International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women (White Ribbon Day), www.whiteribbon.org.au/resources
December	
1	World AIDS Day, www.worldaidsday.org.au/internet/wad/Publishing.nsf/content/home
2	Advent begins
10	Human Rights Day, www.ohchr.org/EN/Pages/WelcomePage.aspx
25	Christmas Day

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- Reading contributions from our Historical Society
- Contacting us if you have further questions about Churches of Christ in Australia

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¹ Resources will be available closer to the date

² Resources for 2012 will be released directly to churches