

Dear friends,

Seeking inspiration for this month I looked up Celebration events and special days in June 2021. Who knew there were so many? Take your pick!

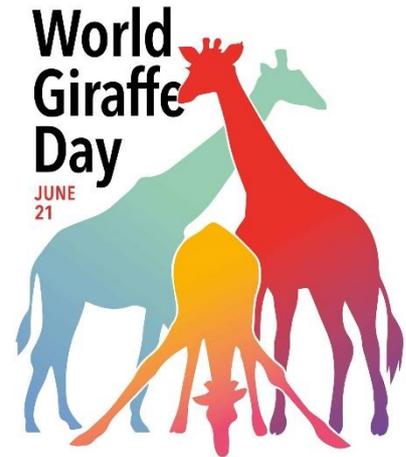
Harry Potter book Night
World Milk Day
World environment Day
Sausage Roll Day
Bike Week
Child Safety Week

World Oceans Day
National Bug Busting
Day
Cupcake Day
Father's Day
World Giraffe Day

Make Music Day
Summer Begins
International Women in
Engineering Day
Wimbledon Fortnight

I'm drawn to Sausage Roll Day and Cupcake Day but others have a deeper significance.

This month may be the beginning of being able to gather to mark some of those events we have missed during the past months. A few of those will be sad occasions when people who would have been there are missing and we grieve their loss. I hope others will truly be celebrations as we come together to rejoice over births, birthdays, engagements, weddings, anniversaries, or simply the joy of being together once again.



Many of you will be familiar with Ecclesiastes 3:4 which speaks of *a time to weep and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance*. I am also mindful of Paul's advice in 1 Corinthians 8:5-8 *Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth*, as well as the many stories Jesus told of people celebrating the return of what was lost, a coin, a sheep or a wayward son. Jesus also told tales with a warning for those who refuse to join in (Matthew 22:1-46).

May we celebrate with faith, hope and love and even with loud music!

Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens! Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his excellent greatness! Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp! Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe! Praise him with sounding cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals! Psalm 150

Every blessing,

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