The University Chaplaincy is a dynamic hub supporting religious, spiritual, ethical, and cultural life for all members of the Harvard community, aiming to engage in meaningful discussions on spiritual and ethical issues in society and the world. It promotes multifaith engagement and seeks to dispel the darkness of delusion and ignorance through knowledge, adherence to tradition, and the celebration of religious holidays.

**Tradition: Jainism**

- **Samhain**: referred to as “The Day of the Dead.”
- **Holi**: known as “The Festival of Colors.”

**Tradition: Hinduism**

- **Diwali**: known as “Festival of Lights.”
- **Ganesh Chaturthi**: dedicated to Lord Ganesha.

**Tradition: Christianity-Protestant, Christianity-Roman Catholic**

- **Halloween**: observed on October 31st, variously celebrated with traditions related to the All Hallows’ Eve, All Saints' Day, and All Souls' Day.
- **All Saints’ Day**: held on November 1st.

**Tradition: Wicca/Paganism**

- **Samhain**: significant in the Wiccan calendar.
- **Yule**: observed in mid-winter.

**Tradition: Judaism**

- **Yom Kippur**: known as “The Day of Atonement.”
- **Tu B’Shvat**: celebrates the new year for trees.

**Tradition: Islam**

- **Eid al-Adha**: celebrates sacrifice.
- **Eid al-Fitr**: marks the end of the holy month of Ramadan.

**Tradition: Sikhism**

- **Baisakhi**: celebrates the founding of the Khalsa.
- **Diwali**: observed as a festival of light.

**Tradition: Buddhism**

- **Buddha Purnima**: celebrates the birth, enlightenment, and death of the Buddha.
- **Thich Nhat Hanh's Birthday**: honored in several Buddhist communities.

**Tradition: Hinduism**

- **Ganesh Chaturthi**: dedicated to Lord Ganesha.
- **Deepawali**: known as “Festival of Lights.”

**Tradition: Other**

- **Día de los Muertos**: celebrated by Mexican Americans and others of Mexican descent.
- **Kwanzaa**: celebrates African heritage.

These events are drawn from the multifaith calendar maintained by the Office of Religious and Spiritual Life at Harvard Divinity School. To see more upcoming religious holidays and festivals, please follow the link to the Harvard Divinity School calendar.