

THE BRITISH ISLES, 1871–2016

The ‘Analytical list of particular occasions’ in *National Prayers* volume 1, pp. cxlix– clvii, amended and supplemented.

Following disestablishment of the Church of Ireland in 1871, Ireland is not included (except for UK occasions, intended for observance by all religious communities). Wales is not included after disestablishment of the Church in Wales in 1920 (except as part of general UK occasions).

E England

E&W England and Wales

S Scotland

UK United Kingdom of Britain and Ireland (from 1921 Northern Ireland)

^a additional occasion, with new code, as given in *volume 3*

^R re-coding of an occasion, to accommodate an additional occasion or observance

* occasions ordered or encouraged from London for observance in the overseas colonies and dominions

† occasions commonly observed in colonies and dominions by order or encouragement of the authorities within these territories

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| 1871–1 | 10 Dec–27 Dec | Sun + daily | E&W, S | prayers | illness of the prince of Wales |
| 1872–1 [†] | 21 Jan | Sun | E&W, S | thanksgiving prayers | recovery of the prince of Wales from illness |
| 1872–2 [†] | 27 Feb | Tu | St Paul’s Cathedral & elsewhere | thanksgiving services | recovery of the prince of Wales from illness |
| 1875–E | after 11 Nov | daily | E&W | prayers | visit of the prince of Wales to India |
| 1876–E | after 12 May | various | E&W | thanksgiving prayers | return of the prince of Wales from India |
| 1877–E | after 18 Sept | daily | E&W | prayers | famine in India and war in the Near East |
| 1879–E ^a | a Sunday after 5 July | Sun | E&W | prayers | for fine weather and a good harvest |
| 1881–E | after 23 Aug | daily | Canterbury province & elsewhere | prayers | better weather and a good harvest |
| 1882–E1 | after 18 May | daily | Canterbury province & elsewhere | prayers | troubles and violence in Ireland |
| 1882–E2 | after 23 Aug | daily | Canterbury province & elsewhere | prayers | better weather and a good harvest |

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| 1882–E3 † | 24 Sept | Sun | E&W | thanksgiving services | victories in Egypt |
| 1883–S | 10 or 11 Nov | Sat or Sun | S | thanksgiving prayers | 400th anniversary of the birth of Martin Luther |
| 1885–E1 | after 13 Feb | daily | E&W | prayers | military campaign in the Sudan |
| 1885–E2 | from 16 to 24 May | various | E&W | services | anxieties about imperial and domestic difficulties |
| 1887–1 * | from 21 to 28 June from 21 to 26 June | Tu or later Tu or Sun | E&W S | thanksgiving services | golden jubilee of Queen Victoria |
| 1888–S | 4 or 5 Nov | Sun or Mon | S | thanksgiving days | commemoration of the revolution of 1688 |
| 1893–S | 18 or 25 June | Sun | S | day of humiliation | church defence |
| 1894–1 | 1 July or Sun asap not specified | Sun not stated | E&W S | thanksgiving prayers | birth of Prince Edward, son of the duke of York |
| 1897–E ^a | after 2 Feb | daily | E&W | prayers | relief of famine and plague in India |
| 1897–S | 9 or 13 June | Wed or Sun | S | thanksgiving services | introduction of Christianity into Scotland, on 1,300th anniversary of the death of St Columba |
| 1897–1 * | 20 June | Sun | E&W, S | thanksgiving services | diamond jubilee of Queen Victoria |
| 1898–E | after 1 Jan to 28 Jan | daily | E&W | prayers | dispute in engineering trades |
| 1899–S | 28 May | Sun | S | thanksgiving prayers | 80th birthday of Queen Victoria |
| 1899–E | after 20 Oct | daily | E&W | prayers | South African war |
| 1900–S | 21 Jan | Sun | S | day of intercession | South African war |
| 1900–E1 † | 11 Feb + wartime | Sun | E&W | day of intercession & wartime services | South African war |
| 1900–E2 | after 26 Sept to 24 Oct | daily | E&W | prayers | general election |
| 1901–1 * | 2 Feb or to 9 Feb 2 Feb | Sat etc Sat | E&W S | day of mourning & services | commemoration of Queen Victoria |
| 1902–1 † | 8 June | Sun | E&W, S | thanksgiving services | peace treaty of Vereeniging |
| 1902–2 * | 9 Aug | Sat | E&W, S | holiday & services | coronation of Edward VII |
| 1903–S | after 18 Nov | daily | S | prayers | persecuted Christians in Macedonia |
| 1905–E | 14 Dec–8 Feb 1906 | daily | E&W | prayers | general election |
| 1906–1 ^a | 3 June | Sun | E&W, S | prayers | Christian unity |
| 1909–E | 4 Dec–10 Feb 1910 | daily | E&W | prayers | general election |
| 1910–1 * | 20 May or to 27 May 20 May | Fr/various Fr | E&W S | day of mourning & services | commemoration of Edward VII |
| 1910–E | 18 Nov–19 Dec | daily | E&W | prayers | general election |

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| 1911-1 * | 22 June | Th | E&W, S | holiday & services | coronation of George V and Queen Mary |
| 1911-E1 ^a | after 19 Aug | daily | E&W | prayers | national railway strike |
| 1911-E2 ^R | 9 Nov-5 Feb 1912 | daily | E&W | prayers | visit of George V and Queen Mary to India |
| 1912-E1 | 10 Feb | Sun | E&W | prayer | return of George V and Queen Mary from India |
| 1912-E2 | after 22 Feb | daily | E&W | prayers | dispute in the coal industry |
| 1912-1 | 17 Mar + later from 20 Mar | Sun etc daily | E&W S | day of prayer & services prayers | dispute in the coal industry |
| 1913-E1 ^a | 12 Feb | Wed | E&W | service or prayers | defence of the Church in Wales |
| 1913-E2 ^{R†} | 27 Apr | Sun | E&W | prayers | Christians in China |
| 1914-E1 | 4 Jan + later | Sun etc | E&W | prayers | peace in Ireland |
| 1914-E2 | 12 June | Fr | E&W | day of intercession | Church in Wales |
| 1914-E3 | from 31 July | daily | E&W | prayers | peace in Europe and Ireland |
| 1914-E4 | 9 Aug + later | Sun etc | E&W | services of intercession | war against Germany |
| 1914-S | from 7 Aug | daily | S | prayers | war against Germany |
| 1914-E5 | 21 Aug + prayers for use during war | Fr + various | E&W | day of prayer & intercession | Great War |
| 1915-1 * | 3 Jan Jan onwards | Sun daily | UK E&W | day of humble prayer & intercession services & prayers for use in wartime | Great War |
| 1916-1 [†] | 2 Jan from Jan | Sun | UK S | day of intercession services for use in wartime | Great War |
| 1916-2 [†] | 4 Aug | Fr | UK | day of humble prayer | second anniversary of the outbreak of the Great War |
| 1916-3 [†] | 31 Dec | Sun | UK | day of prayer | wartime |
| 1917-1 [†] | 29 July + 4 or 5 Aug 4 + 5 Aug | Sun, Sat/Sun Sat, Sun | S E&W | services | third anniversary of the outbreak of the Great War |
| 1918-1 * | 6 Jan | Sun | UK | day of prayer & thanksgiving | wartime |
| 1918-2 * | 4 Aug | Sun | UK | national day of prayer | fourth anniversary of the outbreak of the Great War |
| 1918-E1 | 29 Sept | Sun | E&W | thanksgiving prayers | deliverance of the Holy Land from Ottoman rule |
| 1918-3 [†] | from 11 Nov 17 Nov | various Sun | UK | thanksgiving prayers services of thanksgiving | armistice with Germany |

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| 1918–E2 | 21 Nov to 14 Dec | daily | E&W | prayers | general election |
| 1918–4 ^R | 29 Dec + 5 Jan 1919 | Sun | E&W, S | days of commemoration, thanksgiving & prayer | aftermath of the Great War |
| 1919–E1 | from 11 Jan | daily | E&W | prayers | for the Russian church and people |
| 1919–E2 | from 14 Jan | daily | E&W | prayers | peace conference |
| 1919–E3 | 16 Mar + during dispute | daily | E&W | prayers | dispute in coal mining industry |
| 1919–1 [*] | 6 July | Sun | UK | thanksgiving day | Versailles peace treaty |
| 1919–2 | 28 Dec | Sun | E&W, S | prayer | famine victims in Europe and Near East |
| 1920–E | from 28 Sept | daily | E | prayers | crises in Ireland and in industrial relations |
| 1920–1 | 14 Nov | Sun | E, S | prayer | first meeting of the League of Nations Assembly |
| 1921–E1 | 17 Mar | Th | E | prayer | peace in Ireland |
| 1921–E2 ^a | from 9 Apr | daily | E | prayers | industrial conciliation |
| 1921–E3 ^R | 26 June + as required | Sun etc | E | prayers | peace in industry, Ireland, and international relations |
| 1921–S ^a | 9 Oct or later | Sun | S | prayers | famine in Russia |
| 1921–1 ^R | 6 Nov + during conference | Sun etc | E, S | prayers | Washington disarmament conference |
| 1922–E1 | from 29 May | daily | Canterbury province | prayers | Patriarch Tikhon and the Russian church |
| 1922–E2 | 24 Sept + during crisis | Sun etc | E | prayers | crisis in Near East |
| 1922–E3 | late Oct to 15 Nov | daily | E | prayers | general election |
| 1922–E4 | 24 Dec | Sun | E | prayer | international peace |
| 1923–E | 17 Nov to 6 Dec | daily | E | prayers | general election |
| 1924–E | 11 to 29 Oct | daily | E | prayers | general election |
| 1925–E1 ^a | from 6 July | daily | E | prayers | crisis in China |
| 1925–E2 ^R | from 24 July | daily | E | prayers | threat of national strikes |
| 1925–E3 ^R | 18 Oct | Sun | E | thanksgiving prayer | return of the prince of Wales from imperial tour |
| 1926–E | from 16 Apr | daily | E | prayers | threat of a general strike |
| 1926–S | from 9 May | daily | S | prayers | general strike |
| 1927–E ^a | 6 Feb | Sun | E | prayers | settlement of disputes in China |
| 1928–1 | 27 Aug [or 26th] | Mon or Sun | E | thanksgiving prayers | Peace Pact |
| 1928–E | from 30 Nov | daily | E | prayers | illness of George V |
| 1929–E | 16 to 30 May | daily | E | prayers | general election |

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| 1929-1 * | 7 July | Sun | UK | thanksgiving services | George V's recovery from illness |
| 1929-S | 6 Oct | Sun | S | thanksgiving services | re-union of the Church of Scotland |
| 1930-1 | 12 + 19 Jan 19 Jan | Sun Sun | S E | prayers | London naval disarmament conference |
| 1930-E1 | 16 Mar + week | Sun + daily | E | day of prayer & prayers | religious persecution in Russia |
| 1930-E2 | 25-28 May | Sun + 3 days | E | prayers | reconciliation in India |
| 1930-2 ^R | 16 Nov + during conference | Sun + various | E, S | prayers | Indian round table conference |
| 1930-E3 ^a | 21 Dec + continuing | Sun | E | prayer | unemployment problem |
| 1931-E | from 15 Oct | daily | E | prayers | national crisis |
| 1931-S | 18 Oct | Sun | S | prayer | national crisis |
| 1932-1 | 3 Jan | Sun | UK | day of prayer | national and international anxieties |
| 1932-E | 27 Nov | Sun | E | prayers | imperial, national and international problems |
| 1933-E1 | 5 Feb | Sun | E | prayer | disarmament conference and meetings of the League of Nations |
| 1933-E2 | 5 Mar | Sun | E | prayers | the Church of India, Burma and Ceylon |
| 1933-E3 | 16 Apr | Easter Sun | E | prayers | troubles of the world |
| 1933-1 | 11 June | Sun | E, S | prayers | disarmament and economic conferences |
| 1933-2 ^a | a Sunday during July | Sun | E, S | prayers | abolition of slavery in the empire |
| 1934-S ^a | 30 Mar/1 Apr | Fr/Sun | S | prayers | persecution of protestants in Germany and elsewhere |
| 1935-1 | after 28 Feb | daily | UK | prayers | reconciliation in India |
| 1935-2 * | 6 + 12 May | Mon + Sun | UK | thanksgiving day & services | silver jubilee of George V |
| 1935-E ^R | 6 June + week | Sun + various | E | prayers | guidance for the statesmen of the world |
| 1935-3 ^R | from 14 Aug from 28 Aug/1 Sept | daily daily | S E | prayer | council of the League of Nations |
| 1936-1 * | 26 + 28 Jan to 4 Feb 26 + 28 Jan | Sun, Tu etc Sun + Tu | E S | services | commemoration of George V |
| 1936-E1 | 21 + 28 June | Sun | E | prayer | League of Nations meetings |
| 1936-E2 | 13 + 20 Sept | Sun | E | prayer | League of Nations meetings |
| 1937-1 * | 9 + 12 May 12 May | Sun + Wed Wed | E S | services & public holiday | coronation of George VI and Queen Elizabeth |
| 1938-E1 | 19 June | Sun | E | thanksgiving day | 400th anniversary of the English Bible |

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| 1938-E2 | 17 July | Sun | E | prayer | persecuted Jews of Germany and Austria |
| 1938-1 † | 18 Sept | Sun | UK | day of national prayer | Czechoslovakian crisis |
| 1938-2 † | 2 Oct | Sun | UK | thanksgiving day | Munich agreement |
| 1938-E3 | 13 Nov + | Sun + | E | prayers | Kristallnacht pogrom against German and Austrian Jews |
| 1939-1 | 5 Feb unspecified | Sun | E S | prayer | Palestine conference |
| 1939-2 | 28 May | Whit Sun | E, S | prayer | for international peace |
| 1939-3 | 27 Aug | Sun | E, S | prayer | prevention of war |
| 1939-4 † | 1 Oct + various | Sun + various | UK | day of national prayer & wartime services | Second World War |
| 1939-E ^a | 31 Dec | Sun | E | prayer | for Finland |
| 1940-1 | 12 May or asap | Whit Sun or other | E, S | prayers | against the rule of force and for lasting peace |
| 1940-2 * | 26 May | Sun | UK | day of national prayer | for the British and allied cause |
| 1940-3 | 9 June 9 June or later | Sun Sun + | E S | thanksgiving prayers | evacuation of British and allied forces from Dunkirk |
| 1940-4 | 16 June | Sun | E, S | prayer | for France |
| 1940-E | from 1 July | daily | E | prayers | fears of invasion |
| 1940-5 * | 8 Sept | Sun | UK | day of national prayer | anniversary of the outbreak of the Second World War |
| 1940-6 | 15 Dec | Sun | E, S | prayer | for Greece |
| 1941-1 * | 23 Mar | Sun | UK | national day of prayer | strength, guidance and thanksgivings in wartime |
| 1941-2 * | 7 Sept | Sun | UK | national day of prayer | 2nd anniversary of outbreak of the Second World War |
| 1941-E ^a | 21 Sept | Sun | E | thanksgiving prayers | victory in the Battle of Britain |
| 1942-1 * | 1 Jan | Th | E, S | prayer | association with day of prayer in the USA |
| 1942-2 * | 29 Mar | Sun | UK | national day of prayer | strength and guidance in wartime |
| 1942-3 | 17 May | Sun | E | prayer | the people of Norway |
| 1942-E | 21 June | Sun | E | prayer | the nation and people of Russia |
| 1942-4 ^a | 19 July (+ 1943-46) | Sun | E,S | remembrance prayers | the naval services (<i>annual to 1946</i>) |
| 1942-5 ^R * | 3 Sept | Th | UK | national day of prayer & dedication | 3rd anniversary of outbreak of the Second World War |
| 1942-6 ^R | 25 + 28 Oct | Sun + Wed | E, S | prayers | the people of Czechoslovakia |

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| 1942-7 ^R | 15 Nov | Sun | UK | prayers & thanksgiving prayers | civil defence day, and victory at the battle of El-Alamein |
| 1942-8 ^R | 6 Dec | Sun | E, S | prayer | the people of Poland |
| 1943-E1 | 3 Jan | Sun | E | prayer | the suffering Jews of Europe |
| 1943-1 | 21 Feb | Sun | E, S | prayer | the people and Church of Russia |
| 1943-E2 | <i>for prayer for Jews of Europe, see 1943-E1</i> | | | | |
| 1943-2 [†] | 16 May | Sun | UK | thanksgiving prayers | British and allied victories in North Africa |
| 1943-S | 4 July | Sun | S | thanksgiving day | tercentenary of the Westminster Assembly |
| 1943-E2 | 4 July (+ 1944-47) | Sun | E | prayer | Farm Sunday (<i>annual to 1947</i>) |
| 1943-3 [*] | 3 Sept | Fri | UK | national day of prayer & dedication | 4th anniversary of outbreak of the Second World War |
| 1943-4 [†] | 12 Sept | Sun | UK | thanksgiving prayers | surrender of Italy |
| 1943-5 | 26 Sept (+ <i>annual</i>) | Sun | E, S | thanksgiving prayers | Battle of Britain Sunday |
| 1943-6 | 10 Oct | Sun | E, S | prayers | for China |
| 1943-7 | 28 Nov | Sun | E, S | prayer | for India |
| 1944-E1 | 20 Feb | Sun | E | prayer | for British and Commonwealth prisoners of war |
| 1944-E2 [†] | 23 Apr | Sun | E | day of prayer & dedication | in preparation for the allied invasion of northern Europe |
| 1944-1 [*] | from 6 June | daily | E S | prayers services | allied invasion of northern Europe |
| 1944-2 | 11 June | Sun | E, S | prayer | the united nations |
| 1944-3 [*] | 3 Sept | Sun | UK | national day of prayer | 5th anniversary of outbreak of the Second World War |
| 1944-4 | 15 Oct + after 29 Oct | Sun etc Sun | E S | prayers | the people of Holland |
| 1945-S | 22 Apr | Sun | S | prayer | San Francisco conference |
| 1945-1 [*] | 13 May from 13 May | Sun Sun | UK E | thanksgiving day prayers | victory in Europe continuing war in the Far East |
| 1945-2 [*] | 19 Aug | Sun | UK | thanksgiving day | victory over Japan |
| 1946-E ^a | 19 Mar to late June | daily | E | prayers | cabinet mission to India |
| 1946-1 | after 29 July | daily | E, S | prayers | Paris peace conference |
| 1947-E | after 14 Feb | daily | E | prayers | severe winter weather and the royal tour of South Africa |
| 1947-1 [*] | 6 July | Sun | UK | national day of prayer | severe economic difficulties |

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| 1949–E1 ^a | 20 Mar | Sun | E | prayers | civil war in Greece |
| 1949–E2 ^R | 19 June | Sun | E | thanksgiving services | 400th anniversary of the first Book of Common Prayer |
| 1950–E | 31 Jan to late Feb | daily | E | prayers | general election |
| 1950–S | 30 Apr | Sun | S | commemoration services | tercentenary of the Scottish psalter of 1650 |
| 1950–1 | 29 Oct | Sun | UK | day of prayer | the United Nations and international peace |
| 1951–E1 | 3 May to 30 Sept | various | E | services | Festival of Britain |
| 1951–E2 | 5 Oct to late Oct | daily | E | prayers | general election |
| 1951–1 | 9 Dec | Sun | UK | thanksgiving prayers | recovery of George VI from illness |
| 1952–1 [*] | 10 + 15 to 22 Feb 10 + 15 Feb | Sun, Fr etc Sun + Fr | E S | prayers & services | commemoration of George VI |
| 1953–S | 29 Mar | Sun | S | prayers | commemoration of Queen Mary |
| 1953–1 [*] | 31 May 31 May + 2 June | Sun Sun + Tu | E S | services & public holiday | coronation of Elizabeth II |
| 1954–E | 16 May | Sun | E | thanksgiving prayers | return of Elizabeth II from Commonwealth tour |
| 1955–E | 17 July + later | Sun etc | E | prayers | Geneva conference and world peace |
| 1956–S | 24 June or other Sun in June | Sun | S | services | 400th anniversary of first protestant sacrament in Scotland |
| 1956–1 ^a | from 13 Aug | daily | E, S | prayers | Suez crisis |
| 1959–S | 31 May | Sun | S | day of prayer & dedication | anniversaries of the origins of Calvinism |
| 1960–1 | 21 Feb + later 21 Feb | Sun etc Sun | E S | thanksgiving prayers | birth of Prince Andrew |
| 1960–2 | 13 Mar | Sun | E, S | prayers | disarmament conference |
| 1960–E | from 26 Mar, esp. 31 May | various | E | prayers | protest against apartheid in South Africa |
| 1960–S | 9 or 16 Oct | Sun | S | thanksgivings | fourth centenary of the Scottish reformation |
| 1963–S | 9 June | Sun | S | day of remembrance | 1,400th anniversary of St Columba's arrival at Iona |
| 1963–1 | 21 July | Sun | E, S | prayers | protest against new apartheid laws in South Africa |
| 1964–E | after 11 Mar | various | E | thanksgiving prayers | birth of Prince Edward |
| 1964–1 | from 23 Dec | daily | E, S | prayers | the peoples of the Congo and Vietnam |
| 1965–1 | 19 Dec | Sun | E, S | day of prayer | crisis over Rhodesia |
| 1971–1 | 26 Sept – 3 Oct | daily | UK | prayers | for reconciliation in Northern Ireland |

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| 1972–E | 17 + 19 Mar | Fr + Sun | E | prayers | for peace in Northern Ireland |
| 1973–E | 30 Dec | Sun | E | prayers | national crisis |
| 1976–1 ^a | 13 Apr | Tu | UK | day of prayer | for peace in Northern Ireland |
| 1977–1 | 22 May 5 June | Sun Sun | S E | thanksgiving services | silver jubilee of Elizabeth II |
| 1979–S | 7 Oct | Sun | S | day of prayer | commemoration of the union of the Church of Scotland in 1929 |
| 1980–E ^a | 20 Apr | Sun | E | prayers | independence of Zimbabwe |
| 1982–S ^a | 30 May | Sun | S | day of prayer | Falklands conflict |
| 1982–E ^a | 20 June | Sun | E | thanksgiving prayers | end of the Falklands conflict |
| 1984–1 ^a | 21 Oct | Sun | E, S | thanksgiving and commemoration | bomb attack on government ministers |
| 1985–E ^a | from 26 Apr, esp. 8 May | various | E | commemorative prayer | 40th anniversary of the end of the Second World War |
| 1997–E1 | from 4 Sept | various | E | prayers | commemoration of Diana, princess of Wales |
| 1997–E2 | 16, 20 or 23 Nov | Sun | E | thanksgiving prayers | 50th wedding anniversary of Elizabeth II and the duke of Edinburgh |
| 2002–E | from 1 Apr 2–8, 10–16 Apr | various | E | prayers services | commemoration of Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother |
| 2002–1 | 2 June | Sun | UK | thanksgiving services | golden jubilee of Elizabeth II |
| 2006–E ^a | 21 + 23 Apr or June | Fr, Sun or various | E | thanksgiving services | 80th birthday of Elizabeth II |
| 2012–1 | from 31 Jan 6 Feb, 3 June etc 3 June | various Mon, Sun etc Sun | E E rest of UK | thanksgiving prayers thanksgiving services thanksgiving prayers | diamond jubilee of Elizabeth II |
| 2013–E ^a | 2 June, etc | Sun, etc | E | prayers, services | 60th anniversary of coronation of Elizabeth II |
| 2016–1 ^a | 21 Apr, 10 June etc | Th, Fr etc | UK | prayers, services | 90th birthday of Elizabeth II |