

APRIL



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ST. GEORGE'S DAY

Sacred to England. A red rose in your lapel marks the day.

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ST. MARK'S EVE

One of the traditional nights for divining the future, especially for romance: If you wish to see your future love, fast from sunset and during the night, bake a cake that contains an eggshellfull of salt, wheat meal, and barley meal. Open the door of your home and your future love will come in and turn the cake.

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EASTER SUNDAY

Movable feast celebrating the resurrection of Christ. The high point of the Christian calendar and traditionally the height of the spring season. The Easter season continues on to Pentecost in May.

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LADY DAY, FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION

Nine months to Christmas and the Nativity. In Sweden it is *Våffeldagen*:

Waffle Day. (Typically the 25th of March... but in years when it falls on Palm Sunday, which happened this year, this feast is moved to the Monday after the Second Sunday of Easter.)

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ST. MARK'S DAY

Blessings upon the newly sown crops. Summer will soon be returning, along with the arrival of migratory birds to northern climes.

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WALPURGIS NIGHT, MAY EVE

Summer is a-comin' in! May Eve is the festival of the dead in Spain and Portugal, and in Germany this is *Walpurgisnacht*. In Scandinavia, bonfires and gravlax welcome May and summer, which traditionally begins with the May Day festivities in the morning.



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Some have entertained angels unawares. This one is hiding out at St. Edward's Church, Palm Beach.

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