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April 3.] ST. RICHARD'S DAY.

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April 20.]

Worcestershire.

April 23.] ST. GEORGE'S DAY.

Berkshire.

Cheshire.

Leicestershire.

IRELAND.

April 24.] ST. MARK'S EVE.

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Northamptonshire.

Yorkshire.

April 25.] ST. MARK'S DAY.

Northumberland.

Staffordshire.

April 26.] ROGATION SUNDAY.

Bedfordshire.

Dorsetshire.

Kent.

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Staffordshire.

April 29.] ASCENSION EVE.

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April 30.] ASCENSION DAY.

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May 3.]

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May 8.] APPARITION OF ST. MICHAEL.

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May 10.] WHITSUNDAY.

Cornwall.

Cumberland.

Essex.

Gloucestershire.

Hampshire.

Herefordshire.

Northamptonshire.

Northumberland.

Oxfordshire.

Somersetshire.

IRELAND.

May 11.] WHITSUN MONDAY.

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Lancashire.

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Oxfordshire.

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May 12.] WHITSUN TUESDAY.

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May 14.] COTESWOLD GAMES.

May 16.]

Norfolk.

EEL FAIR.

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May 17.] TRINITY SUNDAY.

Lincolnshire.

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May 18.] TRINITY MONDAY.

Hampshire.

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May 20.] CORPUS CHRISTI EVE.

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May 22.] COVENTRY SHOW FAIR.

May 25.] THE SHREWSBURY SHOW.

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May 29.] RESTORATION OR ROYAL OAK DAY.

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Northumberland.

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June 11.] ST. BARNABAS' DAY.

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July 20.] ST. MARGARET'S DAY.

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July 26.] MACE MONDAY.

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August.] SWAN-UPPING.

August 1.] LAMMAS DAY.

Devonshire.

Isle of Man.

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Yorkshire.

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Buckinghamshire.

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