Happening this month...

**Tuesday 1st March**
US Presidential Election – Super Tuesday
Super Tuesday is the day when the greatest number of states hold political primary elections, caucuses and conventions to determine their candidates for President.

**Thursday 3rd March**
Announcement of new IMF chief expected
The appointment of current Managing Director Christine Lagarde expires on July 5th 2016.

**Thursday 3rd March – Thursday 24th March**
New Zealand flag referendum
New Zealanders vote on a new design for their country’s flag. The final result will be declared on 30th March.

**Monday 7th - Saturday 12th March**
Chinese National People’s Congress
China’s annual National People’s Congress in Beijing’s Great Hall of the People is the only full session of the Congress, when some 3,000 delegates come from across China to meet.

**Tuesday 8th – Thursday 10th March**
State visit to the UK by the King and Queen of Spain
King Felipe VI and Queen Letizia of Spain will stay at Windsor Castle. The last State Visit from Spain was by King Juan Carlos and Queen Sofia in 1986.

**Wednesday 9th March**
Full Solar Eclipse
A total solar eclipse will be visible from Sumatra, Borneo, Sulawesi and from locations in the Pacific ocean. The eclipse will begin at 23:20 UTC on March 8 with the maximum point of the eclipse occurring at 02:00 UTC on March 9.

**Friday 11th March**
5th Anniversary of Japan Earthquake, Tsunami and Fukushima nuclear disaster
On this day in 2011 one of the most powerful earthquakes ever recorded struck off the coast of North Eastern Japan, triggering a huge tsunami. Almost 16,000 people died and more than 2,500 are still listed as missing. The Fukushima Daiichi plant suffered a series of meltdowns following the massive earthquake and tsunami. It was the worst nuclear disaster since the 1986 accident at Chernobyl in Ukraine.

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Tuesday 15th March
Syria conflict started 5 years ago
Over 250,000 Syrians have lost their lives in five years of armed conflict, which began with anti-government protests before escalating into a full-scale civil war. 11 million others have been forced from their homes.

Thursday 17th – Sunday 20th March
IAAF Indoor World Championships, Portland, OR, USA
Nearly 700 athletes from 154 federations will compete in the 16th edition of the championships - the largest ever to be held in North America.

Saturday 19th March
WWF Earth Hour
Earth Hour is an annual global celebration where people switch off their lights for one hour to show they care about the future of the planet.

Monday 21st March
Ten years since the first tweet was sent
On the 21st March 2006 Twitter founder and CEO Jack Dorsey sent the first ever tweet: ‘just setting up my twttr’. Twitter now has over 300 million users.

Sunday 27th March
Easter Sunday
Easter is the most important festival in the Christian calendar when Christians around the world celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ, three days after he was executed.

Wednesday 30th March
Myanmar – new President takes office
Aung San Suu Kyi’s National League for Democracy (NLD) won a landslide victory in November and so will control the next parliament and choose the next president. According to the constitution Ms Suu Kyi cannot be President but she has said that she will be ‘above’ the president.