



Forest Sangha Calendar

2015 • 2558

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LUNAR OBSERVANCE DAYS ● ◐ ○ ◑

These days are regularly devoted to quiet reflection at the monastery.
The dates for the lunar calendar are determined by traditional methods of calculation
and are not always on the same day as the astronomical occurrences.

THE MAJOR FULL MOON DAYS FOR 2015 / 2558

Māgha Pūjā · 4 March ('Sangha Day')

Commemorates the spontaneous gathering of 1250 arahants to whom
the Buddha gave an exhortation on the basis of the Discipline (*Ovāda Pāṭimokkha*).

Vesākha Pūjā · 1 June ('Buddha Day')

Commemorates the birth, enlightenment and passing away of the Buddha.

Āsāḷhā Pūjā · 30 July ('Dhamma Day')

Commemorates the Buddha's first discourse, given to the five *samaṇas* in the Deer Park at
Sarnath, near Varanasi. The traditional Rainy-Season Retreat (*Vassa*) begins on the next day.

Pavāraṇā Day · 27 October

This marks the end of the three-month *Vassa* retreat. During the following month,
lay people may offer the *Kaṭhina* robe as part of a general alms-giving ceremony.

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Some of us practise because we want something in exchange;
 we seek rebirth in another state of being; we want to attain something.
 But that is not how the Buddha taught.

January

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^{*} Ajahn Chah Memorial Day

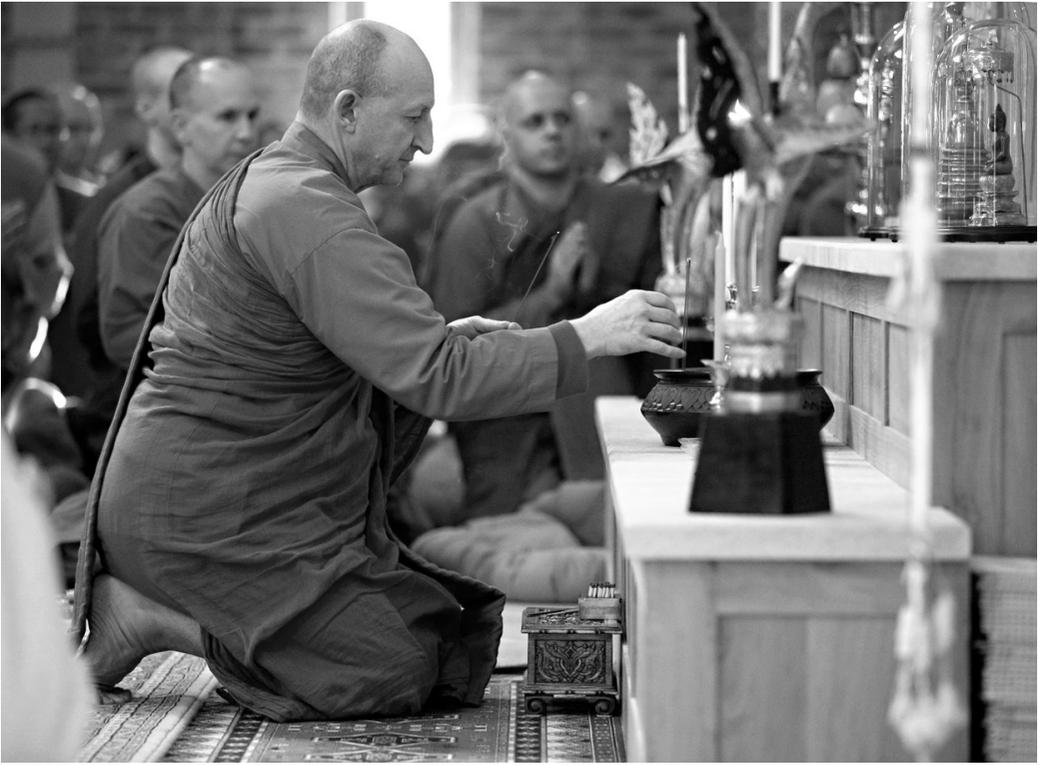


We practise on and on, but we fail to attain our desire.
 So we practise until we reach a point where we're practising for no return,
 we're practising in order to let go.

February

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Humbly allow the Triple Gem
of wisdom, truth and purity to abide in your heart
as a way of showing respect to the Fully-Enlightened One.

March

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* Māgha Pūjā

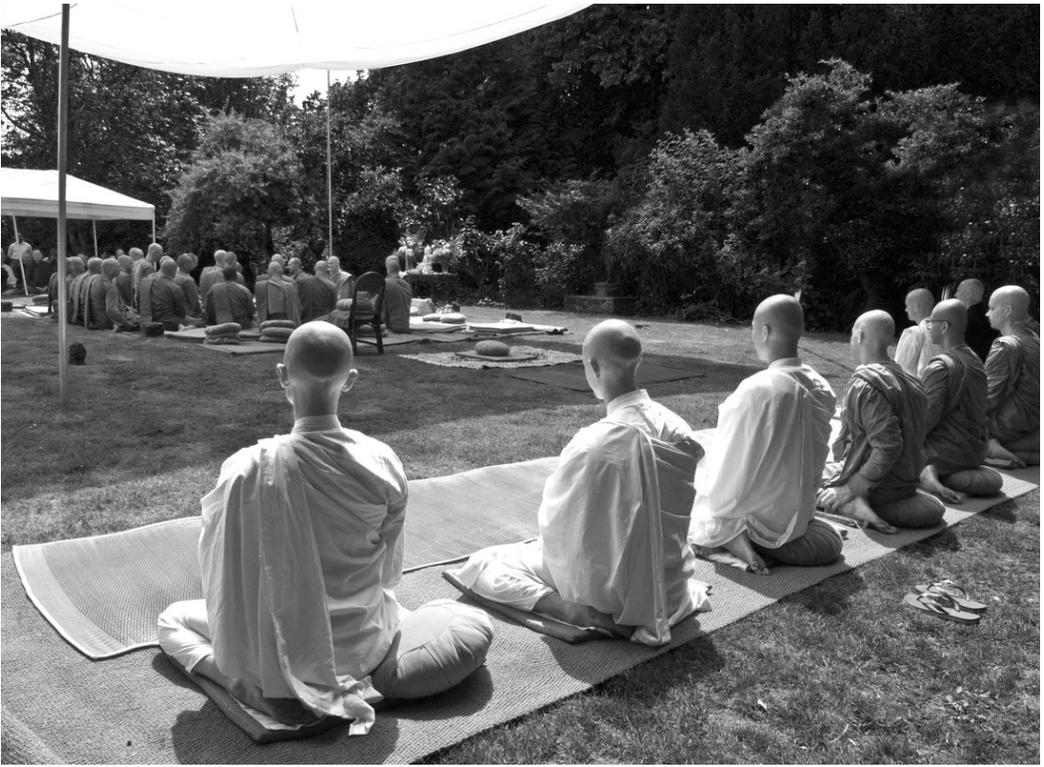


The Buddha taught Dhamma and Discipline,
 complete and comprehensive. Nothing needs to be changed.
 There is nothing to add and nothing to take away. This is where we can stop.

April

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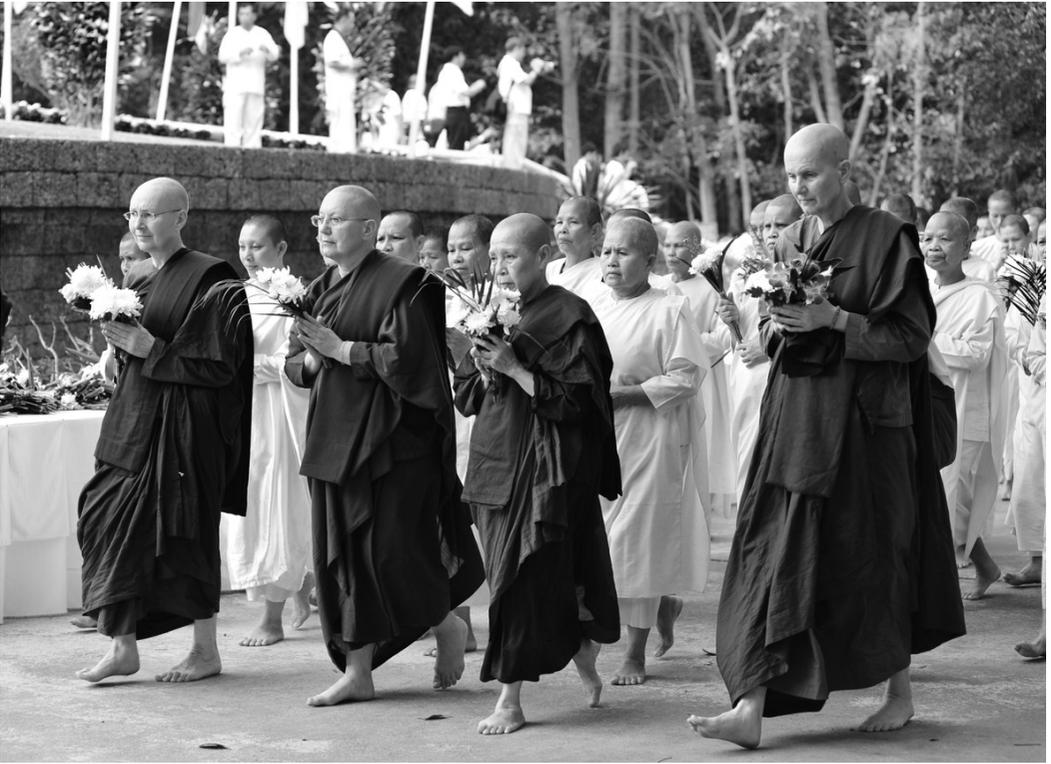


The teacher doesn't free you from greed and anger.
 He tells you about them; then you practise and reach realization.
 You understand these things for yourself.

May

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“Attā hi attano nātho.”

‘Make yourself a refuge unto yourself.’ Who else can be your refuge?

The true refuge is the heart, nothing else.

June

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* Vesākha Pūjā, † Ajahn Chah’s Birthday



The Buddha teaches us to see above cause, beyond effect;
 above birth and beyond death;
 above happiness and beyond suffering.

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* Āsālhā Pūjā, † Vassa begins



Even if a diamond falls into a muddy pit,
 its radiance is not destroyed.
 Though covered in dirt and filth, nothing is lost.

August

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Letting go of past and future, look at the present.
 Contemplating in the present, you will realize that the present
 is the result of the past. Then you will know the Dhamma.

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The worldly way is to do things for a reason, to get some return, but in Buddhist practice we do things without the idea of gaining anything.

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* Pavāraṇā



Before I held things tightly; now I pick something up to look at it,
 then I let it go. Before, I would pick things up and held on.
 Now I hold, but not tightly.

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From moral restraint come honesty and kindness –
 leading to contentment, freedom from worries and remorse.
 Moral restraint is the cause, comfort and happiness are the result.

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¹Ajahn Chah Memorial Day, ²Māgha Pūjā, ³Vesākha Pūjā,
⁴Ajahn Chah's Birthday, ⁵Āsālhā Pūjā, ⁶Vassa begins, ⁷Pavāraṇā

January

Piṇḍapāta (alms-round) near
Seattle, USA



February

Ajahn Khemasiri,
Dhammapala, Switzerland



March

Ajahn Amaro, Amaravati, UK



April

Buddhabodhivana Monastery,
Melbourne, Australia



May

Ordination, Cittaviveka, UK



June

Circumambulating Ajahn
Chah's stupa, Wat Pah Pong,
Thailand



July

Luang Por Sumedho,
Vultures' Peak, India



August

Ajahn Achalo, Wat Anandagiri,
Thailand



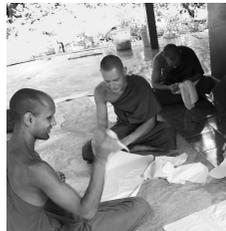
September

Ajahn Tīradhammo,
Wat Poo Jom Gom, NE
Thailand



October

Learning to sew, Wat Pah
Nanachat, NE Thailand



November

Piṇḍapāta, NE Thailand



December

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