



Forest Sangha Calendar  
2021 · 2564

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## LUNAR OBSERVANCE DAYS

These days are devoted to quiet reflection at the monastery. Visitors may come and take the precepts for the day and join in all or part of the extended evening meditation.

The dates for the lunar calendar are determined by traditional methods of calculation, and are therefore not always the same as the precise astronomical occurrences.

## THE MAJOR FULL MOON DAYS FOR 2021 / 2564

*Māgha Pūjā* · February 26 ('Sangha Day')

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

*Vesākha Pūjā* · May 26 ('Buddha Day')

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

*Āsāḷhā Pūjā* · July 24 ('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* · October 21

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

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The Eightfold Path is the most honourable way,  
 the Four Noble Truths the most honourable utterance,  
 freedom from craving the most honourable state,  
 and the all-seeing Buddha the most honourable being.



*Dhammapada 273*

January

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M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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4	5	6 	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 	14	15	16*	17
18	19	20	21 	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 	29	30	31

\*Jan 16: Ajahn Chah Memorial Day

Jan 13  15 days Hemanta 5/8  
 Jan 28  15 days Hemanta 6/8







As a bee gathering nectar does not harm or disturb  
the colour and fragrance of the flower,  
so do the wise move through the world.



*Dhammapada 49*

February

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15	16	17	18	19 	20	21
22	23	24	25	26* 	27	28

\* Feb 26: Māgha Pūjā

Feb 11  14 days Hemanta 7/8  
Feb 26  15 days Hemanta 8/8









A single verse of truth that calms the mind  
is better to hear than a thousand irrelevant verses.

*Dhammapada 101*

March

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Mar 13  15 days Gimha 1/10  
Mar 28  15 days Gimha 2/10







Do not show false humility. Stand firmly in relation to your goal.  
 Practice, well-observed, leads to contentment  
 both now and in the future.



*Dhammapada 168*

April

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19 	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 	27	28	29	30		

\* Apr 13: Thai New Year, Songkran

Apr 11  14 days Gimha 3/10  
 Apr 26  15 days Gimha 4/10







Do not seek the company of misguided friends;  
 beware of degenerate companions.  
 Seek the company of well-guided friends, those who support insight.



*Dhammapada 78*

May

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17	18	19 	20	21	22	23
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\* May 26: Vesākha Pūjā

May 11  15 days Gimha 5/10  
 May 26  15 days Gimha 6/10







To contemplate life leads to wisdom; without contemplation wisdom wanes.  
 Recognize how wisdom is cultivated and destroyed,  
 and walk the Way of increase.



*Dhammapada 282*

June

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	1	2	3 	4	5	6
7	8	9 	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17* 	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 	25	26	27
28	29	30				

\*Jun 17: Ajahn Chah's Birthday

Jun 9  14 days Gimha 7/10  
 Jun 24  15 days Gimha 8/10









One who has cut off coarse attachments,  
cut off subtle attachments and who cultivates the spiritual faculties,  
is the one who finds freedom from delusion.

*Dhammapada 370*



July

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26	27	28	29	30	31	

\* Jul 24: Āsāḷhā Pūjā

<sup>†</sup> Jul 25: First Day of Vassa

Jul 9  15 days Gimha 9/10  
Jul 24  15 days Gimha 10/10










To avoid bringing harm to living beings  
 who, like us, seek contentment,  
 is to bring happiness to ourselves.

*Dhammapada 132*

August

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Aug 8  15 days Vassāna 1/8  
 Aug 23  15 days Vassāna 2/8



Victory leads to hatred, for the defeated suffer.  
 The peaceful live happily,  
 beyond victory and defeat.

*Dhammapada 201*

## September

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13	14 ◐	15	16	17	18	19
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27	28	29 ◑	30			

Sep 6 ● 14 days Vassāna 3/8  
 Sep 21 ○ 15 days Vassāna 4/8



A healthy mind is the greatest gain.  
 Contentment is the greatest wealth.  
 Trustworthiness is the best of kin.  
 Unconditional freedom is the highest bliss.

*Dhammapada 204*

October

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\* Oct 21: Pavāraṇā

• Oct 21: Last Day of Vassa

Oct 6 ● 15 days Vassāna 5/8

Oct 21 ◑ 15 days Vassāna 6/8



The timely company of friends is goodness. Fewness of needs is goodness.  
 Having accumulated virtue at life's end is goodness.  
 Having dispensed with all suffering is goodness.

*Dhammapada 331*

November

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Nov 4 ● 14 days Vassāna 7/8  
 Nov 19 ○ 15 days Vassāna 8/8



All states of being are determined by the heart. It is the heart that leads the way.  
 As surely as our shadow never leaves us, so well-being will follow  
 when we speak or act with a pure heart.

*Dhammapada 2*

December

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Dec 4 ● 15 days Hemanta 1/8  
 Dec 19 ○ 15 days Hemanta 2/8

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## February

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## March

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## April

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## June

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## October

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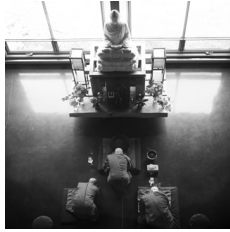
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<sup>9</sup> Oct 21: Last Day of Vassa

**January**

Sitavana Forest Monastery,  
Birken, Canada



**February**

Morning alms-round,  
Thailand



**March**

Luang Por Anek instructing  
visiting monks at  
Wat Pah Sai Ngan,  
NE Thailand



**April**

International Elders Meeting,  
2017, Amaravati Temple, UK



**May**

Ajahn Karunadhammo (left)  
and Ajahn Naniko (right),  
Abhayagiri, USA



**June**

Ajahn Kevali on alms-round,  
Bayreuth, near Waldkloster  
Muttodaya, Germany



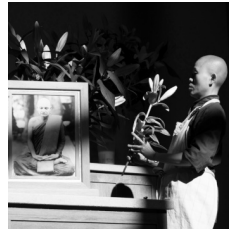
**July**

Abhayagiri, USA



**August**

A *sīladhara* (nun),  
Amaravati Monastery



**September**

Luang Por Jundee visiting a  
Christian monastery,  
Tomar, Portugal



**October**

Robe-offering ceremony, 2017,  
Aruna Ratanagiri, UK



**November**

Sewing session at Cittaviveka,  
West Sussex, UK



**December**

Amaravati Temple,  
Hertfordshire, UK





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