



Forest Sangha Calendar

2012 - 2555

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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 not always the same as the precise astronomical occurrences.

THE MAJOR FULL-MOON DAYS OF 2012-2555/56

Magha Puja March 7 ('Sangha Day')

Commemorates the spontaneous gathering of 1250 arahants, to whom the Buddha
gave the exhortation on the basis of the discipline (*Ovada Patimokkha*).

Vesakha Puja (Wesak) June 4 ('Buddha Day')

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

Asalha Puja August 2 ('Dhamma Day')

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

Pavarana Day October 30

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

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Those who speak much
 are not necessarily possessed of wisdom.
 The wise can be seen to be at peace with life
 and free from all enmity and fear.

Dhammapada v. 258

January 2012/2555

S M T W T F S S M T W T F S S M T W T F S S M T
 ◐ 2 3 4 5 6 7 ◐ 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 ◑* 17 18 19 20 21 22 ◑ 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 ◐

*Ajahn Chah Memorial Day



As rain cannot penetrate
a well-made roof,
so the passions cannot enter a well-trained heart.

Dhammapada v. 14

February 2012/2555

W T F S S M T W T F S S M T W T F S S M T W
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If anything is to be done, do it well,
 with energy and devotion;
 the renunciate life led heedlessly
 just stirs up the dust.

Dhammapada v. 313

March 2012/2555

T F S S M T W T F S S M T W T F S S M T W T F S
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*Magha Puja



Truly it is ourselves that we depend upon;
 how could we really depend upon another?
 When we reach the state of self reliance
 we find a rare refuge.

Dhammapada v. 160

April 2012/2555

S M T W T F S S M T W T F S S M T W T F S S M
 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



Neither mother, father
 nor any member of a family
 can give you the blessings generated
 by your own well-directed heart.

Dhammapada v. 43

May 2012/2555

T W T F S S M T W T F S S M T W T F S S M T W T
 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 31



As many garlands can be made
 from a heap of flowers,
 so too, much that is wholesome can be done
 during this human existence.

Dhammapada v. 53

June 2012/2555

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*Ajahn Chah Birthday *Vesakha Puja



On hearing true teachings,
 the hearts of those who are receptive,
 become serene, like a lake,
 deep, clear and still.

Dhammapada v. 82

July 2012/2555

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

Dhammapada v. 78

August 2012/2555

W T F S S M T W T F S S M T W T F S S M T W T F
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*Asalha Puja *Vassa begins



The protected and guarded mind leads to ease of being.
 Though subtle, elusive and hard to see,
 one who is alert should tend
 and watch over this mind.

Dhammapada v. 36

September 2012/2555

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The gift of truth excels all gifts.
 The flavour of truth surpasses all flavours.
 The delight of truth transcends all delights.
 Freedom from craving is the end of all suffering.

Dhammapada v. 354

October 2012/2555

M T W T F S S M T W T F S S M T W T F S S M T W
 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 31

*Pavara



Devotion and respect
 should be offered to those
 who have shown us the Way.

Dhammapada v. 392

November 2012/2555-56

T F S S M T W T F S S M T W T F S S M T W T F
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Surrendering oneself to Dhamma leads to serene being.
The wise perpetually delight in the truth taught by the Awakened One.

Dhammapada v. 79

December 2012/2556

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January

Luang Por Liem,
Abbot of Wat Pah Pong,
assisting in building a new hall
at Wat Pah Nanachat, 2011.



February

Ajahn Kevali,
Abbot of Wat Pah Nanachat,
assisting in building their
new hall, 2011.



March

Young monks working
on the building site,
Wat Pah Nanachat, 2011.



April

Luang Por Anek
on almsround (*pindapat*)
at his monastery,
Wat Pah Sai Ngarm.



May

Ajahn Pasanno
on almsround (*pindapat*),
California.



June

Children being helped
by their father to make
offerings to the shrine,
Kuala Lumpur, 2010.



July

Ajahn Cittapala with
guests in front of image
of Luang Por Chah,
Amaravati, 2010.



August

Ajahn Gunnavuddho
offering Dhamma instruction
to children, California, 2010.



September

Two anagarikas
receiving the siladhara
ordination, Amaravati,
2010.



October

Circumambulation
of the Cittaviveka temple,
Kathina, 2010.



November

A family
making offerings
in the Amaravati
temple, 2010.



December

A young novice monk
(*samanera*) on almsround,
Thailand.



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