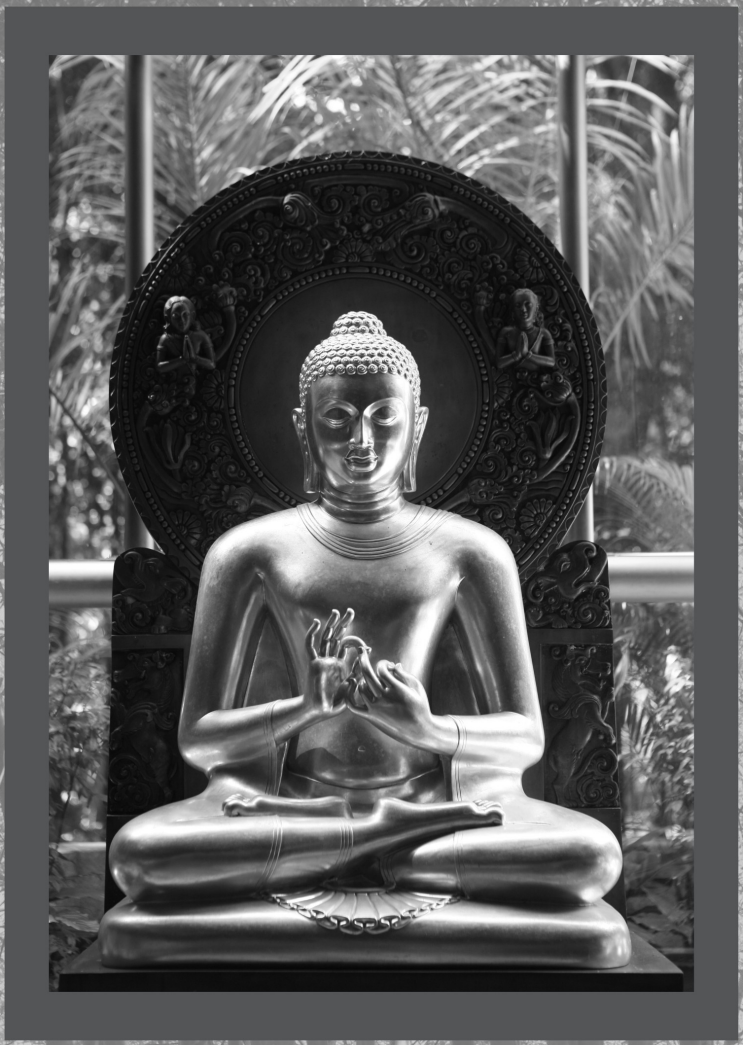

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2019 ❁ 2562

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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.

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THE MAJOR FULL MOON DAYS FOR 2019 / 2562

Māgha Pūjā · February 19 ('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 18 ('Buddha Day')
Commemorates the birth, enlightenment and passing away of the Buddha.

Āsāḷhā Pūjā · July 16 ('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 13
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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Only blessings can arise from seeking the company of wise and discerning persons, who skilfully offer both admonition and advice as if guiding one to hidden treasure.

Dhammapada 76

January 2019/2562

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
	1	2	3	4	●	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	◖
14	15	16*	17	18	19	○
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
◗	29	30	31			

*Jan 16: Ajahn Chah Memorial Day

Jan 5 ● 14 days Hemanta 3/8
Jan 20 ○ 15 days Hemanta 4/8

Blessed is the arising of a Buddha; blessed is the revealing of the Dhamma; blessed is the concord of the Sangha; delightful is harmonious communion.
Dhammapada 194

February 2019/2562

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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●	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	◖	13	14	15	16	17
18	○*	20	21	22	23	24
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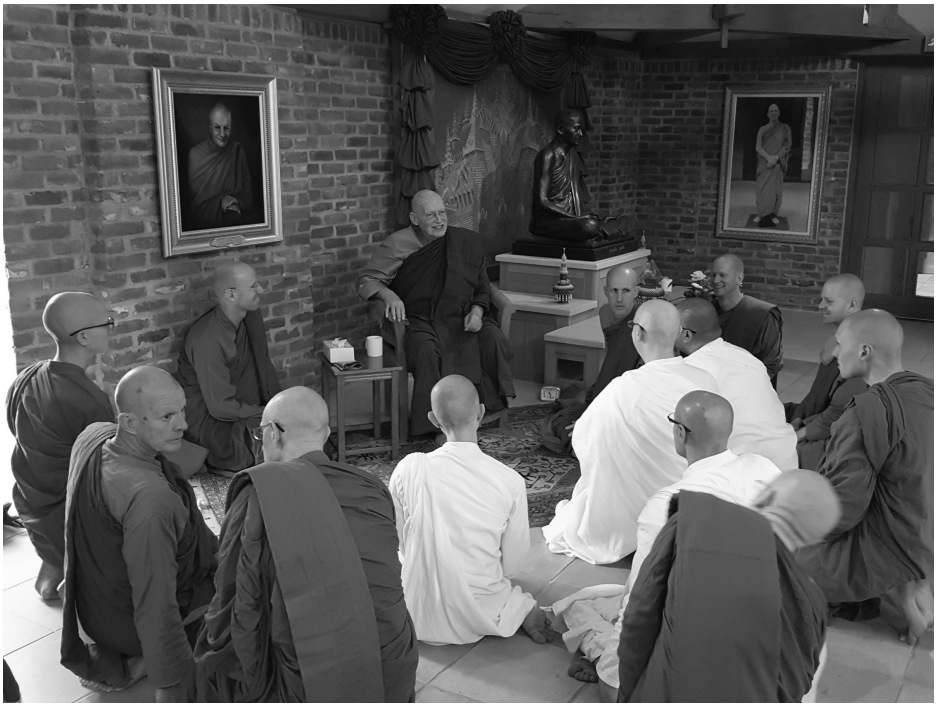
*Feb 19: Māgha Pūjā

Feb 4 ● 15 days Hemanta 5/8
Feb 19 ○ 15 days Hemanta 6/8



Let the wise guide beings away from darkness, give direction and advice.
They will be treasured by the virtuous and dismissed by the foolish.
Dhammapada 77

March 2019/2562

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Mar 5 ● 14 days Hemanta 7/8
Mar 20 ○ 15 days Hemanta 8/8

Tasting the flavour of solitude and the nectar of unshakeable peace,
those who drink the joy that is the essence of Truth abide free from fear of evil.
Dhammapada 205

April 2019/2562

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15	16	17	18	○	20	21
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29	30					

*Apr 13: Thai New Year, Songkran

Apr 4 ● 15 days Gimha 1/8
Apr 19 ○ 15 days Gimha 2/8

Devotion and respect should be offered to those
who have shown us the Way.
Dhammapada 392

May 2019/2562

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		1	2	●	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	◖	12
13	14	15	16	17	○*	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	◗
27	28	29	30	31		

*May 18: Vesākha Pūjā

May 3 ● 14 days Gimha 3/8
May 18 ○ 15 days Gimha 4/8

The sun shines by day, the moon shines by night.
But both all day and all night the Buddha shines
in glorious splendour.
Dhammapada 387

June 2019/2562

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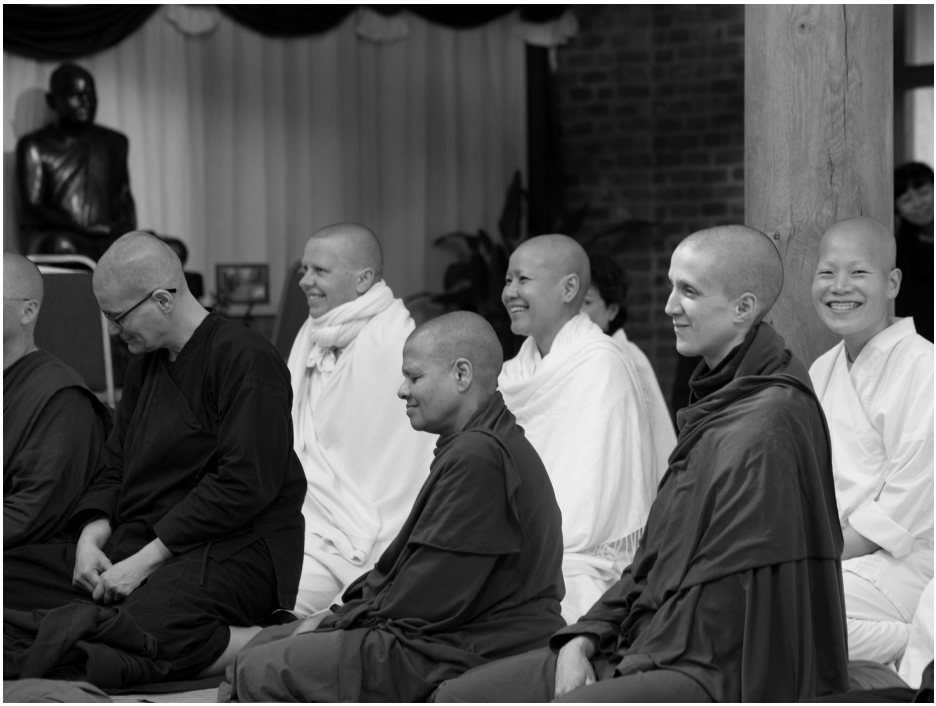
◖	11	12	13	14	15	16
○*	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	◗	26	27	28	29	30

*Jun 17: Ajahn Chah's Birthday

Jun 2 ● 15 days Gimha 5/8
Jun 17 ○ 15 days Gimha 6/8



A renunciate who abides in loving-kindness,
with a heart full of devotion for the Buddha's teaching,
will find peace, stillness and bliss.
Dhammapada 368

July 2019/2562

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29	30	●				

*Jul 16: Āsāḷhā Pūjā
♦Jul 17: First Day of Vassa

Jul 1	●	14 days	Gimha	7/8
Jul 16	○	15 days	Gimha	8/8
Jul 31	●	15 days	Vassāna	1/8

The Buddha's perfection is complete; there is no more work to be done.
No measure is there for his wisdom; no limits are there to be found.
In what way could he be distracted from truth?
Dhammapada 179

August 2019/2562

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Aug 15 ○ 15 days Vassāna 2/8
Aug 29 ● 14 days Vassāna 3/8

Having performed a wholesome deed it is good to repeat it, again and again.
Be interested in the pleasure of wholesomeness.
The fruit of accumulated goodness is contentment.
Dhammapada 118

September 2019/2562

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23	24	25	26	27	●	29
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Sep 13 ○ 15 days Vassāna 4/8
Sep 28 ● 15 days Vassāna 5/8

A renunciate does not oppress anyone.
Patient endurance is the ultimate asceticism.
Profound liberation, say the Buddhas, is the supreme goal.
Dhammapada 184

October 2019/2562

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* Oct 13: Pavāraṇā
⬧ Oct 13: Last Day of Vassa

Oct 13 ○ 15 days Vassāna 6/8
Oct 27 ● 14 days Vassāna 7/8

One who transforms old and heedless ways into fresh and wholesome acts brings light into the world, like the moon freed from clouds.

Dhammapada 173

November 2019/2562

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25	●	27	28	29	30	

Nov 11 ○ 15 days Vassāna 8/8
Nov 26 ● 15 days Hemanta 1/8

It is wisdom that leads to letting go of a lesser happiness
in pursuit of a happiness which is greater.
Dhammapada 290

December 2019/2562

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Dec 11 ○ 15 days Hemanta 2/8
Dec 25 ● 14 days Hemanta 3/8

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January

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October

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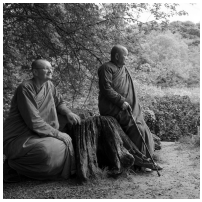

February
Wat Kuean, NE Thailand

March
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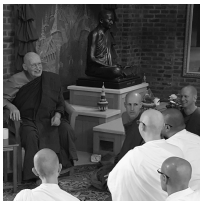

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Janamara Hermitage,
Thailand

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