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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 2023 / 2566

*Māgha Pūjā* · March 6 ('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* · June 3 ('Buddha Day')

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

*Āsāḷhā Pūjā* · August 1 ('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 29

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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If you are mindful you'll be at ease. Put happiness to one side, suffering to the other side. Remain in the middle without letting the mind go in either direction.

## January

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16*	17	18	19	20	21 	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 
30	31					

\*Jan 16: Ajahn Chah Memorial Day

Jan 6  15 days Hemanta 4/8  
 Jan 21  15 days Hemanta 5/8



Please work together, cooperate and live in harmony.  
Let this harmony be your legacy.

## February

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M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 ◐	14	15	16	17	18	19 ●
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27 ◑	28					

Feb 5 ○ 15 days Hemanta 6/8  
Feb 19 ● 14 days Hemanta 7/8



Giving means bringing happiness to others.  
It is one of those conditions which help  
to cleanse the heart from defilement.

## March

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\* Mar 6: Māgha Pūjā

Mar 6 ○ 15 days Hemanta 8/8  
Mar 21 ● 15 days Cimha 1/10



Whether we are in a car or aboard a boat, wherever we go, if we haven't reached our true home, we will feel as if we have unfinished business to take care of.

April

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10	11	12	13* ◐	14	15	16
17	18	19 ●	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 ◐	28	29	30

\* Apr 13: South Asian New Year

Apr 5 ○ 15 days Gimha 2/10  
Apr 19 ● 14 days Gimha 3/10



Try to practise consistently. See the disadvantages of practising insincerely and inconsistently, and sustain a sincere continuous effort. Just this much.

May

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May 4 ○ 15 days Gimha 4/10  
 May 19 ● 15 days Gimha 5/10



As morality becomes purer, it helps with developing concentration. When concentration is firmly established, it helps with the arising of wisdom.

## June

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\* Jun 3: Vesākha Pūjā

' Jun 17: Ajahn Chah's Birthday

Jun 3 ○ 15 days Gimha 6/10

Jun 17 ● 14 days Gimha 7/10





If I say a fruit is delicious, you should note my words,  
but do not believe me until you taste it.  
The same is true for my teachings.

July

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Jul 2 ○ 15 days Gimha 8/10  
Jul 17 ● 15 days Gimha 9/10



Try not to rush your practice.  
Meditate gently and gradually, step by step.

## August

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\* Aug 1: Āsālhā Pūjā

† Aug 2: First Day of Vassa





Aug 1 ○ 15 days Gimha 10/10  
 Aug 16 ● 15 days Vassāna 1/8  
 Aug 31 ○ 15 days Vassāna 2/8




Whether we sit under a tree, in a valley, or on a mountain top,  
 we can hear the Buddha's teaching. All beings  
 will be as one. They arise, exist for a while, age and then die.

## September

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Sep 14  14 days Vassāna 3/8  
 Sep 29  15 days Vassāna 4/8



There's no need to complicate matters.  
 Learn to live together in harmony and help each other out.  
 Know what is right and what is wrong.


## October


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\* Oct 29: Last Day of Vassa

† Oct 29: Pavāraṇā

Oct 14  15 days Vassāna 5/8





Oct 29  15 days Vassāna 6/8




If we encounter pleasure we feel happy. If we encounter pain we feel unhappy. Can we view like and dislike as having equal value? Measure yourself against this standard.

## November

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Nov 12  14 days Vassāna 7/8  
 Nov 27  15 days Vassāna 8/8





The priority is to set the wheels of practice in motion,  
 creating causes for future liberation. If you've done the work,  
 there's no need to worry about results.

## December

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Dec 12  15 days Hemanta 1/8  
 Dec 27  15 days Hemanta 2/8

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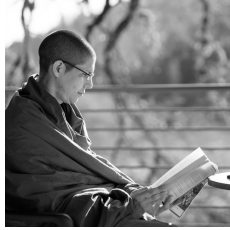
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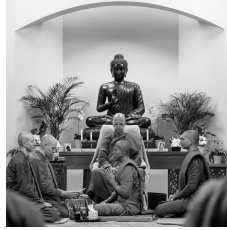
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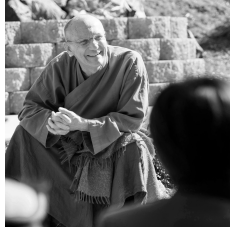
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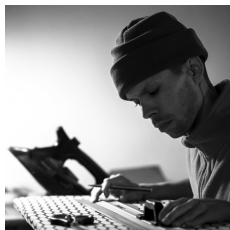
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