



FIFTY YEARS  
WAT PAH NANACHAT

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Cover: Phra Buddhasumedhaguna, the Buddha image in the new Uposatha Hall of Wat Pah Nanachat

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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 2025 / 2568

*Māgha Pūjā* · February 12 ('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 11 ('Buddha Day')

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

*Āsāḷhā Pūjā* · July 10 ('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 7

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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## WAT PAH NANACHAT

1975 - 2025

Fifty years have passed since Tan Ajahn Chah entrusted Ajahn Sumedho to guide a small group of young monks from foreign lands in pioneering a life together as a traditional sangha in the simple lifestyle of Thai forest monks. They put up their classic umbrella-tents to camp out in the woods of a little cremation-site a few kilometers across the paddy fields from the mother monastery Wat Nong Pah Pong.

Since then the venture of an 'International Forest Monastery' with English as language of instruction became a steady resource for many people from all parts of the world to practice Dhamma, or take on the life of a monk. Soon after Wat Pah Nanachat had been established, Ajahn Chah asked Ajahn Sumedho to use his skills as abbot to continue with establishing a forest monastery in the UK, the first of presently fourteen international branch monasteries of Wat Nong Pah Pong.

Usually this series of Forest Sangha calendars depicts monastic life within the variety of monasteries all over the world. This edition is specifically dedicated to the development of Wat Pah Nanachat over the past fifty years. Extra pages show the seven abbots that since the founding lead the sangha, and a sequence of group pictures from the various phases of Wat Pah Nanachat has been added.

*Ajahn Kevali, Abbot of Wat Pah Nanachat, 2023 November*

# 2025 / 2568

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<sup>1</sup> Jan 16: Ajahn Chah Memorial Day

<sup>2</sup> Feb 12: Māgha Pūjā

<sup>3</sup> Apr 13: South Asian New Year

<sup>4</sup> May 11: Vesākha Pūjā

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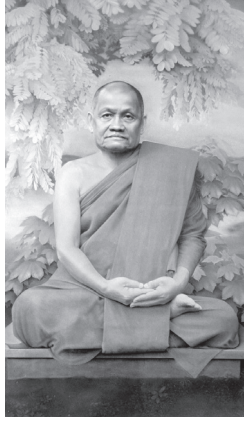
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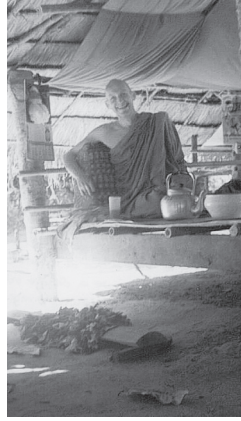
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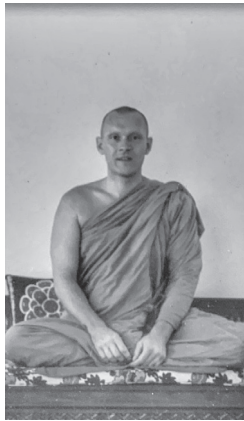
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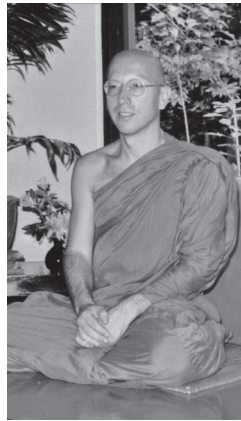
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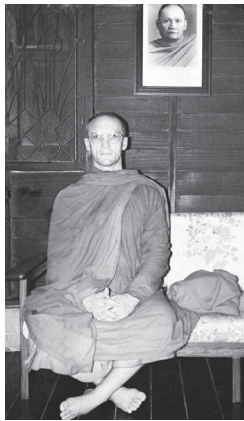
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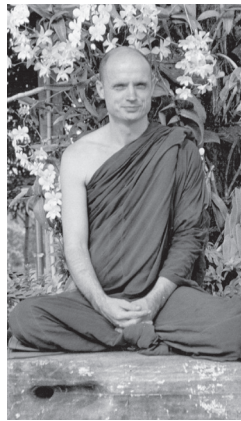
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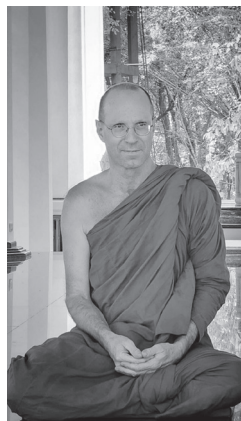
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Ajahn Kevali











In practising generosity, we are cleansing our hearts of selfishness.  
 This is in order to have a mind of compassion and caring  
 towards all living beings without exception.

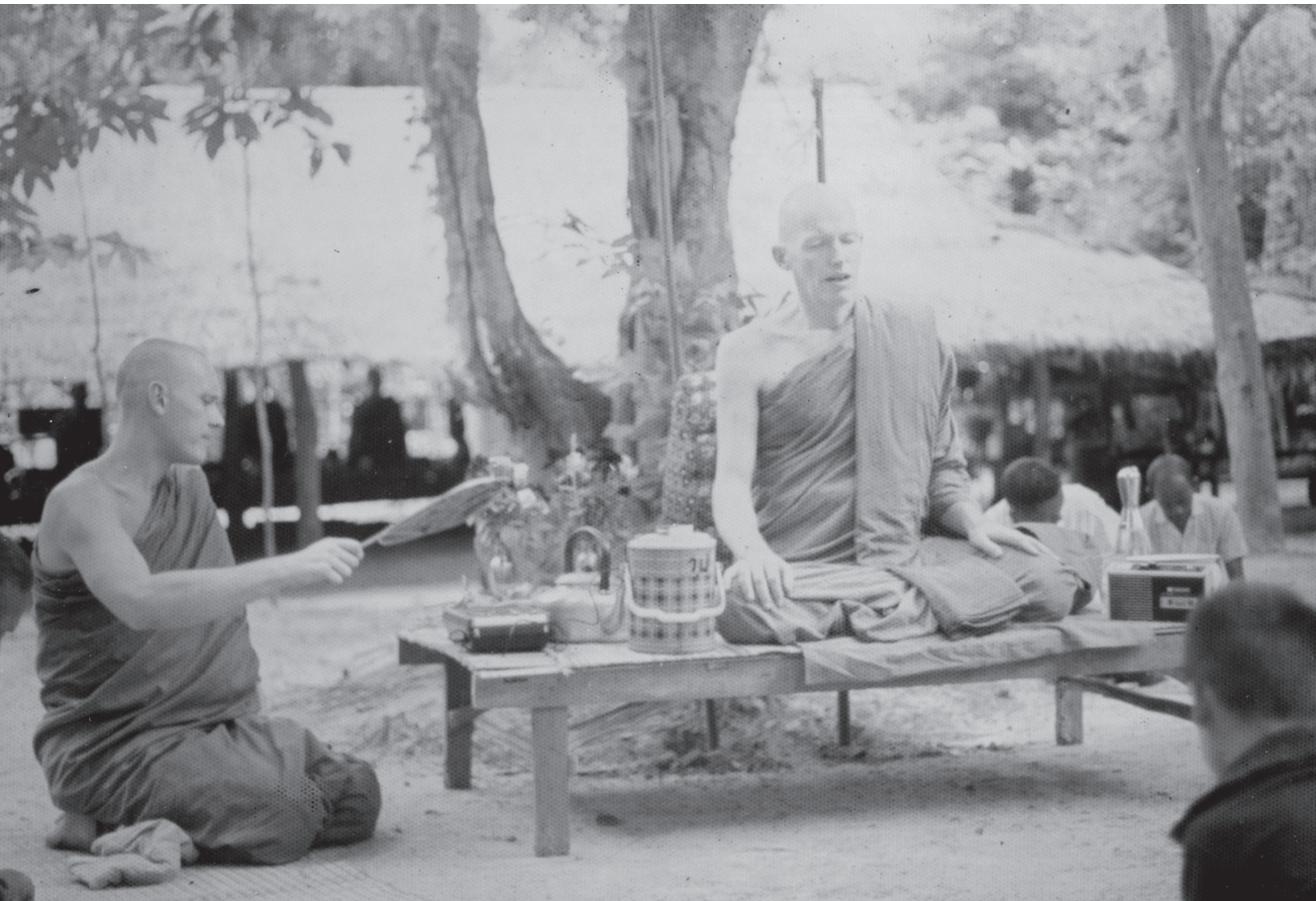
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\*Jan 16: Ajahn Chah Memorial Day





Jan 13  15 days Hemanta 4/8  
 Jan 28  15 days Hemanta 5/8





Until we have seen the Dhamma we must have patience and restraint.  
 We must endure, we must renounce! We must cultivate diligence.

## February

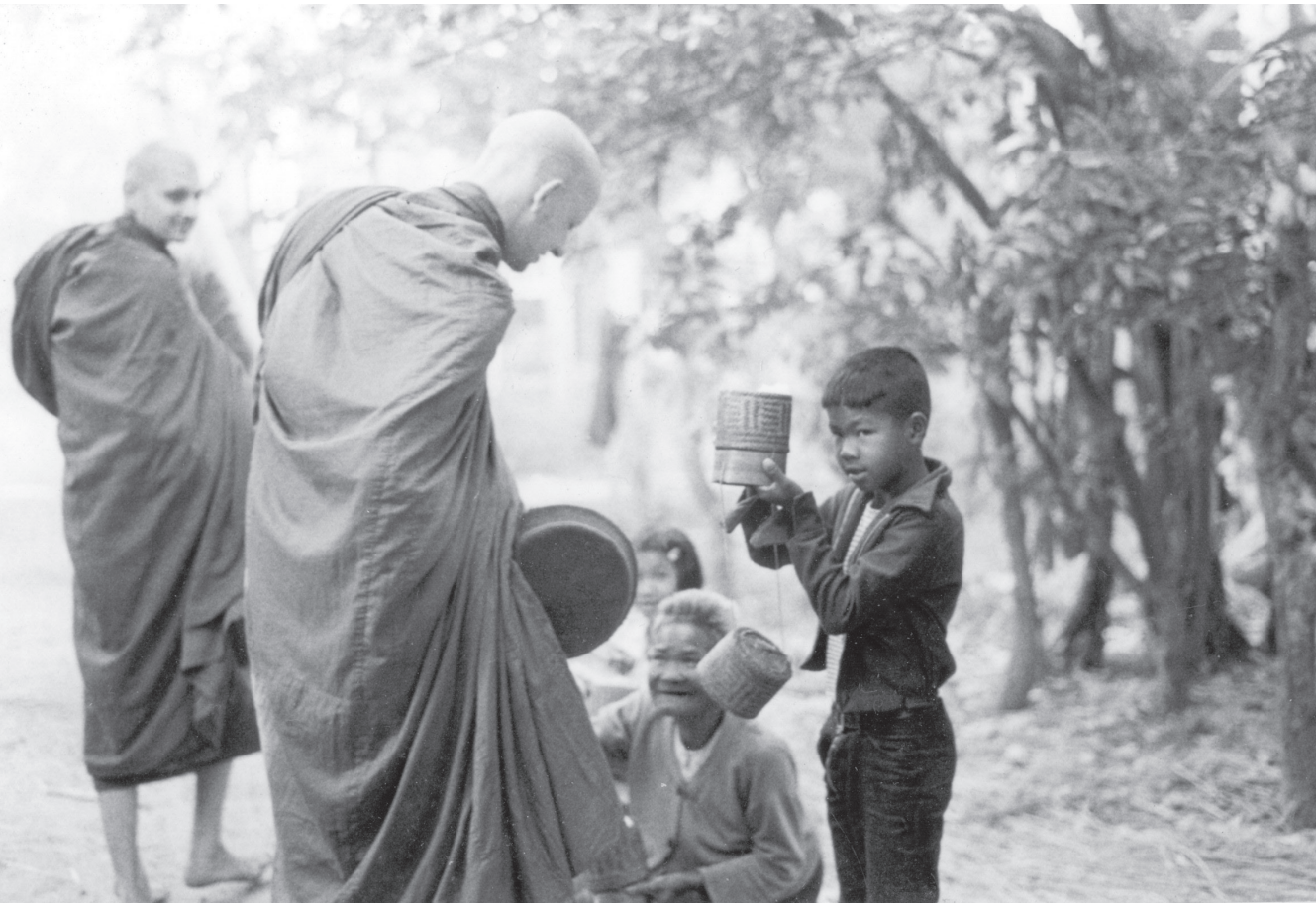
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\* Feb 12: Māgha Pūjā

Feb 12  15 days Hemanta 6/8  
 Feb 26  14 days Hemanta 7/8











In the beginning we practise with some desire in mind; we practise on and on, but we don't 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.

March

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Mar 13  15 days Hemanta 8/8  
 Mar 28  15 days Cimha 1/8





The Buddha teaches to know your own heart. Observe the heart.  
 If you close your eyes, your attention will naturally be turned inwards  
 to the source of many different kinds of knowledge.

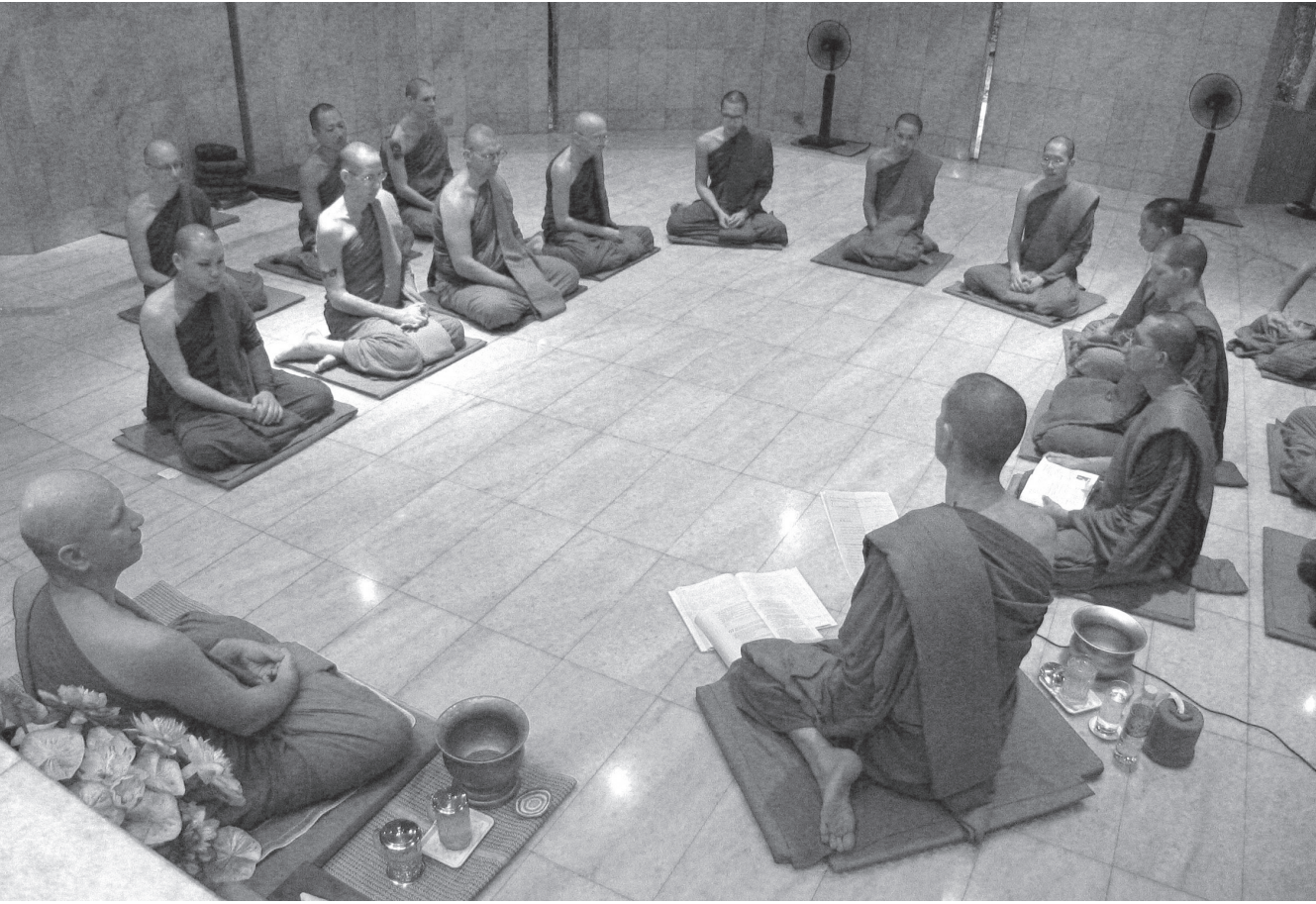
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\* Apr 13: South Asian New Year





Apr 12  15 days Gimha 2/8  
 Apr 26  14 days Gimha 3/8





The disciplined mind will keep our lives balanced, make work easier, developing and nurturing reasons to govern our actions. In the end, happiness will increase accordingly.

## May

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\* May 11: Vesākha Pūjā





May 11  15 days Gimha 4/8  
 May 26  15 days Gimha 5/8





Please work together, cooperate and live in harmony.  
 This should be the legacy you create here at Wat Pah Nanachat.

## June

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\*Jun 17: Ajahn Chah's Birthday






Jun 10  15 days Gimha 6/8  
 Jun 25  15 days Gimha 7/8



The communal practices such as coming together for daily chanting are our standard. Even if only to resist your own laziness and aversion. This encourages diligence.


## July


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\* Jul 10: Āsāḷhā Pūjā

\* Jul 11: First Day of Vassa

Jul 10  15 days Gimha 8/8






Jul 25  15 days Vassāna 1/8





Dāna, if given with good intention, can bring happiness to oneself and others. But until sīla is complete, giving is not pure.

## August

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Aug 9  15 days Vassāna 2/8  
 Aug 23  14 days Vassāna 3/8



Travelling the path of morality, concentration and wisdom until we find the blessings of purity, radiance and peace is the fruit of practice.

## September

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Sep 7 ○ 15 days Vassāna 4/8  
 Sep 22 ● 15 days Vassāna 5/8



Adhere to the Buddha's instruction:  
 'Don't be heedless. Heedfulness is the way to the Deathless.  
 Heedlessness is death.'

## October

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\* Oct 7: Pavāraṇā

† Oct 7: Last Day of Vassa

Oct 7 ○ 15 days Vassāna 6/8

Oct 21 ● 14 days Vassāna 7/8











Live together with Dhamma, with peace and restraint,  
train your mind to be like this and no problems will arise.

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Nov 5  15 days Vassāna 8/8  
Nov 20  15 days Hemanta 1/8



May you be diligent and arduous in the practice.  
 There is nothing better than the practice of Dhamma;  
 Dhamma is the supporter of the whole world. People are confused these days  
 because they do not know Dhamma. If we have Dhamma we will be content.

## December

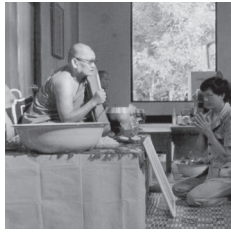
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Dec 5 15 days Hemanta 2/8  
 Dec 19 14 days Hemanta 3/8

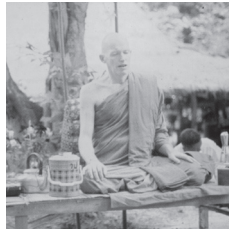
**January**

Ajahn Chah in the Sala of Wat Pah Nanachat.



**February**

Ajahn Sumedho in front of the initial grass roof Sala.



**March**

Ajahn Munindo on alms-round in Bung Wai village.



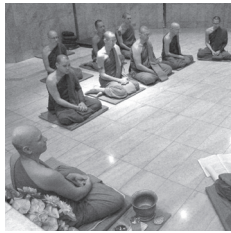
**April**

Ajahn Sumedho teaching the villagers.



**May**

Vinaya lessons with Ajahn Nyanadhammo in the old Bot.



**June**

Luang Por Liem and Ajahn Siripanyo during the construction of the new Main Sala.



**July**

Evening Chanting in the new Main Sala.



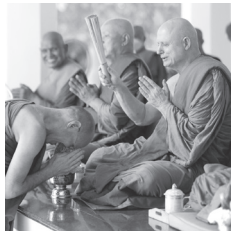
**August**

Ajahn Pasanno and senior monks on alms-round in front of the monastery.



**September**

Ajahn Kevali receiving a blessing from Ajahn Jayasaro.



**October**

Ajahn Siripanyo showing the cremation site to senior Siladharas and a group from Wat Amaravati.



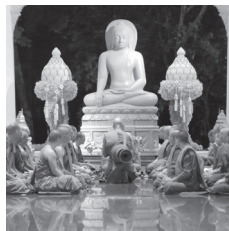
**November**

Sima-Revoking before establishing a new sima around the new Uposatha Hall.



**December**

Ordination Ceremony in the new Uposatha Hall.



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