



LONDON BUDDHIST VIHARA

Dharmapala Building, The Avenue, Chiswick, London W4 1UD.

BUDDHA DAY (VESAK)

BUDDHA DAY (VESAK) which commemorates the Birth, Enlightenment, and the Parinibbana of the Buddha will be celebrated at the London Buddhist Vihara

on

SUNDAY, 14th MAY 2017 (B.E. 2561)

PROGRAMME

- 9.00 ***Hoisting the Buddhist Flag*** by Mrs. Amari Wijewardena, H. E. High Commissioner for Sri Lanka in the United Kingdom.
- 9.05 ***Lighting of the Traditional Oil Lamp.***
- 9.15 ***Administering Eight Precepts and Admonition (anusasana)*** by Ven. T. Bandula.
- 9.30 ***Buddha Vandana (Paying Homage to the Buddha) & Meditation*** - Instruction & Practice by Ven. Kalugamuwe Kassapa.
- 10.00 Tea will be served.
- 10.30 ***"Sermon"*** by Ven. T. Bandula.
- 11.15 ***Buddhapuja*** - by Ven. Kalugamuwe Kassapa.
- 11.30 ***Dana*** offering to Venerable monks, Upasakas and Upasikas followed by Lunch for all..
- 12.30 ***Pirith and Dhamma contemplation***
- 1.00 ***"Recorded Vesak Sermon in Sinhala"***.
- 2.00 ***"Practicing the Teachings of the Buddha"*** by Bhikkhu Ahimsako, Amaravati Monastery.
- 3.00 Tea will be served.
- 3.30 ***"Dharmapala's Role in Instituting Vesak around the World"***
Keynote speech by Dr Steven Kemper, Professor of Anthropology at Bates College, USA.
- 4.30 ***Sinhala Sermon*** - by Ven. Padukke Pannawasa, Former Deputy Principal of Ashoka Vidyalaya, Colombo, and Head of the Sri Sudharshanaramaya, Batuwita, Horana.
- 5.30 Paritta Chanting and Punyanumodana.
- 7.00 ***"Bodu Bethi Gee (Buddhist Devotional Songs)"*** by Dhamma school Teachers and parents.
- 8.00 Refreshments will be served

All are welcome!

CHILDREN'S VESAK PROGRAMME

Saturday, 13th May 2017

All parents are invited to bring their children to a special programme to be celebrated on Saturday 13th May 2017 from 9.00 am-1.15pm. The programme will include:

- ◆ Observing Eight Precepts ◆ Buddha Puja ◆ Dana ◆ Sermon for children ◆ Pirith