



# LONDON BUDDHIST VIHARA

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## 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