



THE LONDON BUDDHIST VIHARA

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KATHINA CEREMONY

SUNDAY 29 OCTOBER 2017 – 3.00pm

KATHINA signifies the traditional end of the Vassa (Rainy) Season pertaining to the Buddha's own home ground in Northern India. A Vihara may perform this ceremony only once in any particular year. Kathina is an auspicious event giving devotees the rare opportunity of offering a Kathina Robe to the Sangha who have observed the Rainy Retreat (*Vassa*) at this Vihara. The occasion also gives an opportunity for practising *Dana* (generosity) in providing useful requisites to the monks and to the Vihara in general. The ceremony commemorating this event will be celebrated at the Vihara on Sunday, 29th October 2017.

PROGRAMME

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| 3.00pm | Ceremonial Procession with the Kathina Robe |
| 3.15-3.30 | Taking Refuges and the Five Precepts |
| 3.30-4.00 | A talk on the Significance of Kathina |
| 4.00-4.30 | The Ceremony of Offering Kathina Robe and other requisites to the Sangha |
| 4.30-5.00 | Sermon in Sinhala |
| 5.00-5.30 | Paritta Chanting by the Venerable Monks and Punyanumodana |
| 5.30-6.00 | Tea |

◆◆ ALL ARE WELCOME ◆◆

*Those wishing to contribute towards the Kathina Ceremony may either like to send a donation (made payable to **London Buddhist Vihara** – form enclosed); or choose from the Requisites List, on display on Vihara notice board.*

The traditional Kapparukkha (Wishing Tree) will be placed in the preaching hall from Sunday 22nd October, and the Kathina Robe will be available for stitching from 12.30 p.m. on 29th October 2017.