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Invitation to Lunar New Year Blessing Ceremony

Sunday 19th April 2009

Lunar New Year is an ancient annual festival for Thai, Burmese, Sri Lankan, Laotian, Cambodian, Nepalese and Indian people. On this occasion, which falls on 13th, 14th, and 15th April, various cultural and religious celebrations are held to mark the New Year. For the Buddhist, this is also the time to make merits in dedication to their departed relatives and to ask for forgiveness and blessing from their parents, grandparents and elders.

To mark the occasion this year, the Oxford Buddha Vihara will be holding a merit making and blessing ceremony for the local Buddhist community at Tingewick Hall.

We would, therefore, like to take this opportunity to cordially invite you, your family and friends to join us in starting off the New Year with merits and blessings. Food for the monks may be contributed, which will subsequently be shared among the devotees. There will also be the opportunity to buy food, the proceeds from which will be donated to the temple.

Venue: Tingewick Hall, John Radcliffe Hospital, Headley Way,
Headington, Oxford, OX3 9DU

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Programme:

- 09.30 Arrival at the Tingewick Hall
- 10.30 Lighting candles; paying homage to the Triple Gem and observing the Five Precepts
- 11.00 Monks going for alms-round and partaking their meal
- 11.20 Lunch for the laity
- 12.30 Chanting by the Monks to bless the New Year
- 13.00 Sermon by Ven. Dr. Khammai Dhammasami, Head of the Oxford Buddha Vihara,
Sermon by Phramaha Somchai Cittagutto, Abbot, Wat Buddharam, London
- 13.30 Offering robes and other requisites in memory of the departed relatives and
Sharing merit led by Ven. Dr. Pannyawamsa, Deputy Abbot, Oxford Buddha Vihara
- 13.40 Bathing Rite for the Buddha statue and Monks
- 14.10 End of the Programme

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