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CALENDAR

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With Lunar and Tsog Dates



CALENDAR

2018



“Today we may not be able to meet the original Buddha in person. We need the closest thing. If someone has great faith, understands emptiness, and has trained their mind very well, the image of the Buddha can be as powerful as the Buddha. Just to see that picture can alleviate lifetimes of suffering and give someone the possibility of meeting a Buddha in the future. The seed planted by seeing the picture in that way is unstoppable. The action brings the result.”

– Jampay Dorje

Buddha Weekly is happy to present the new practice calendar for 2018, the Year of the Earth Dog. Featuring both Western and Lunar calendar dates, the calendar includes Mother Tsog, Father Tsog, Puja dates, and special celebration dates. (Please add your own practice dates.)

May all beings benefit.

Helpful links:

- [Buddha Weekly YouTube Channel \(with teachings\)](#)
- [About Tsog](#)
- [Interview with illustrator Jampay Dorje](#)
- [About Medicine Buddha Practice \(with video\)](#)
- [About Green Tara Practice \(with video\)](#)
- [About White Tara](#)
- [About Black Manjushri](#)
- [About Lama Tsongkhapa practice](#)

Beautiful illustrations
courtesy of Jampay
Dorje (Ben Christian).

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JANUARY

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 <small>Sakya Pandita Day</small>	2	3	4	5	6
	LUNAR 11 15	11 16	11 17	11 18	11 19	11 20
7	8	9	10	11 <small>Mother Tsog</small>	12	13
11 21	11 22	11 23	11 24	11 25	11 26	11 27
14 <small>PUJA: • Protector</small>	15	16	17	18	19	20
11 28	11 29	11 30 ●	12 1	12 2	12 3	12 4
21	22	23	24 <small>PUJA: • Green Tara • Medicine Buddha</small>	25	26 <small>Father Tsog</small>	27
12 5	12 6	12 7	12 8	12 9	12 10	12 11
28	29	30	31 <small>PUJA: • Medicine Buddha</small>			
			Lunar Eclipse			
12 12	12 13	12 14	12 15 ○			

● NEW MOON ○ FULL MOON

Lord **Manjushri** holds aloft the flaming sword of wisdom. He sits above Arya Nagarjuna who receives the Perfection of Wisdom teachings from a Queen-like Nagini in a subterranean grotto.



FEBRUARY

2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Luminescent White Tara appears in the sky on lotus and moon throne above Holy Avalokiteshvara, the Bodhisattva of Compassion and his spiritual companion.				1	2	3
● NEW MOON ○ FULL MOON				LUNAR 12 16	12 17	12 18
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 Mother Tsog
12 19	12 20	12 21	12 22	12 23	12 24	12 25
11	12	13 PUJA: Protector	14	15	16 LOSAR Lunar New Year	17
12 26	12 27	12 28	12 29	12 30 ●	1 1	1 2
18	19	20	21	22	23 PUJA: Green Tara, Medicine Buddha	24
1 3	1 4	1 5	1 6	1 7	1 8	1 9
25 Father Tsog	26	27	28			
1 10	1 11	1 12	1 13			

Buddha's 15 days of miracles
Day 1 to 15, first month of the Lunar calendar





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MARCH

2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Buddha's 15 days of miracles Day 1 to 15, first month of the Lunar calendar</p>			<p>1 Milarepa Day</p>		<p>2 PUJA: • Medicine Buddha</p>	3
			LUNAR	1 14	1 15	1 16
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1 17	1 18	1 19	1 20	1 21	1 22	1 23
11	12 Mother Tsog	13	14	15 PUJA: • Protector	16	17
1 24	1 25	1 26	1 27	1 28	1 29	2 1 ●
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 PUJA: • Green Tara • Medicine Buddha
2 2	2 3	2 4	2 5	2 6	2 7	2 8
25	26 Father Tsog	27	28	29	30	31 PUJA: • Medicine Buddha
2 9	2 10	2 11	2 12	2 13	2 14	2 15 ○

The unparalleled virtue of **Lama Tsongkapa**, King of the Dharma (1357-1419), ripens into a vision of the Buddha of Wisdom Manjushri, riding a snow lion.

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NEW MOON
FULL MOON



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APRIL

2018

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
LUNAR	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	216	217	218	219	220	221	222
	8	9	10Mother Tsog	11	12	13PUJA: • Protector	14
	223	224	225	226	227	228	229
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	230	31●	32	33	34	35	36
	22	23PUJA: • Green Tara • Medicine Buddha	24	25Father Tsog	26	27	28
	37	38	39	310	311	312	313
	29	30PUJA: • Medicine Buddha					
	314	315○					

Compassionate **Green Tara**, the Saviour, crowned by her Guru Amitabha Buddha, is always ready to leap to the aid of any who call on her name.
Her mantra is Om Tare Tuttare Ture Svaha.




SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
		LUNAR 3 16	3 17	3 18	3 19	3 20
6	7	8	9	10 Mother Tsog	11	12
3 21	3 22	3 23	3 24	3 25	3 26	3 27
13 PUJA: • Protector	14	15	16	17	18	19
3 28	3 29	4 1 ●	4 2	4 3	4 4	4 5
20	21	22 PUJA: • Green Tara • Medicine Buddha	23	24 Father Tsog	25	26
4 6	4 7	4 8	4 9	4 10	4 11	4 12
27	28	29 PUJA: • Medicine Buddha Buddha's birth, enlightenment and paranirvana	30	31		
4 13	4 14	4 15 ○	4 16	4 17		



Shakyamuni Buddha, the Historical Buddha, receives offerings from a dragon — symbolizing a disciple requesting teachings. His hand touches the earth, the “earth witnessing mudra” symbolizing his Enlightenment.



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JUNE

2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
					LUNAR 4 18	4 19
3	4	5	6	7	8 Mother Tsog	9
4 20	4 21	4 22	4 23	4 24	4 25	4 26
10	11 PUJA: Protector	12	13	14	15	16
4 27	4 28	4 29	4 30 ●	5 1	5 2	5 3
17	18	19	20	21 PUJA: Green Tara, Medicine Buddha	22	23 Father Tsog, Guru Rinpoche Day
5 4	5 5	5 6	5 7	5 8	5 9	5 10
24	25	26	27	28 PUJA: Medicine Buddha	29	30
5 11	5 12	5 13	5 14	5 15 ○	5 16	5 17

Avalokiteshvara (Chenrezig) Buddha of Compassion, sits high above above a golden edged rock formation and a stupa, which symbolize the story of Master Dharmarakshita, who gave of himself so selflessly that he created the merit to perceive the hidden nature of reality directly.

● NEW MOON ○ FULL MOON



Calligraphy credit: Tashi Manno for the Mantra

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JULY

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	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 H.E. Zasep Rinpoche birthday	2	3	4	5	6 Dalai Lama birthday	7
LUNAR	5 18	5 19	5 20	1 21	5 22	5 23	5 24
	8 Mother Tsog	9	10	11 PUJA: • Protector	12	13	14
	5 25	5 26	5 27	5 28	5 29	6 1 ●	6 2
	15	16 Buddha's first teaching	17	18	19	20 PUJA: • Green Tara • Medicine Buddha	21
	6 3	6 4	6 5	6 6	6 7	6 8	6 9
	22 Father Tsog	23	24	25	26	27 PUJA: • Medicine Buddha	28
	6 10	6 11	6 12	6 13	6 14	6 15 ○	6 16
	29	30	31				
	6 17	6 18	6 19				

The pristine Buddha of purification, **Vajrasattva**, rests suspended in mid-air between Adi Buddha Samantabhadra and a gleaming pyramid of multi-coloured jewels.

● NEW MOON ○ FULL MOON



AUGUST

2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
			LUNAR 6 20	6 21	6 22	6 23
5	6 Mother Tsog	7	8	9 PUJA: Protector	10	11
6 24	6 25	6 26	6 27	6 28	6 29	7 1 ●
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 PUJA: Green Tara, Medicine Buddha
7 2	7 3	7 4	7 5	7 6	7 7	7 8
19	20 Father Tsog	21	22	23	24	25 PUJA: Medicine Buddha
7 9	7 10	7 11	7 12	7 13	7 14	7 15
26	27	28	29	30	31	
7 16 ○	7 17	7 18	7 19	7 20	7 21	

Dharmakaya **Samantabhadra-Samantabhadri** arise in the sublime form of a United Father and Mother, symbolising the union of lucid wisdom and the bliss of Emptiness.




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BUDDHA WEEKLY SEPTEMBER

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					 H.H. Sakya Trizin Day PUJA: • Protector	1 7 22 LUNAR
2	3	4 	5	6		8
7 23	7 24	7 25	7 26	7 27	7 28	7 29
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
1 30 ●	8 1	8 2	8 3	8 4	8 5	8 6
16	17 PUJA: • Green Tara • Medicine Buddha	18	19 	20	21	22
8 7	8 8	8 9	8 10	8 11	8 12	8 13
23	24 PUJA: • Medicine Buddha	25	26	27	28	29
8 14	8 15	8 16 ○	8 17	8 18	8 19	8 20
30	<p>Lord Vajradhara, the One Who Holds the Diamond. Below him, the dragon, his disciple, just transported from the terrors of painful cyclic suffering, arises in a pure form to make offerings to the teacher who enabled the occurrence of this transformation</p>					
8 21	21					

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OCTOBER

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4 	5	6
	LUNAR 8 22	8 23	8 24	8 25	8 26	8 27
7 PUJA: • Protector	8	9	10	11	12	13
8 28	8 29	9 1 ●	9 2	9 3	9 4	9 5
14	15	16 PUJA: • Green Tara • Medicine Buddha	17	18 	19	20
9 6	9 7	9 8	9 9	9 10	9 11	9 12
21	22	23 PUJA: • Medicine Buddha	24	25	26	27
9 13	9 14	9 15	9 16 ○	9 17	9 18	9 19
28	29	30 	31			
9 20	9 21	9 22	9 23			

Black Manjushri in peaceful form wields a wisdom sword, here representing the spiritual wisdoms derived from learning, contemplation and meditation. Wisdom enables us to avert obstacles in the future through acting wisely in the present.

NEW MOON ○ FULL MOON

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NOVEMBER

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2 	3
			LUNAR	9 24	9 25	9 26
4	5 PUJA: • Protector	6	7	8	9	10
9 27	9 28	9 29	9 30 ●	10 1	10 2	10 3
11	12	13	14	15 PUJA: • Green Tara • Medicine Buddha	16	17 
10 4	10 5	10 6	10 7	10 8	10 9	10 10
18	19	20	21	22 PUJA: • Medicine Buddha	23	24
10 11	10 12	10 13	10 14	10 15	10 16 ○	10 17
25	26	27	28	29	30	
10 18	10 19	10 20	10 21	10 22	10 23	

Master **Yogi Saraha** sits in a posture of royal ease on a vajra rock formation holding an arrow poised for flight. The arrow suggests the penetrating clarity of a fully awake mind. He is one of the best known of the 84 great Mahasiddhas.

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● NEW MOON ○ FULL MOON

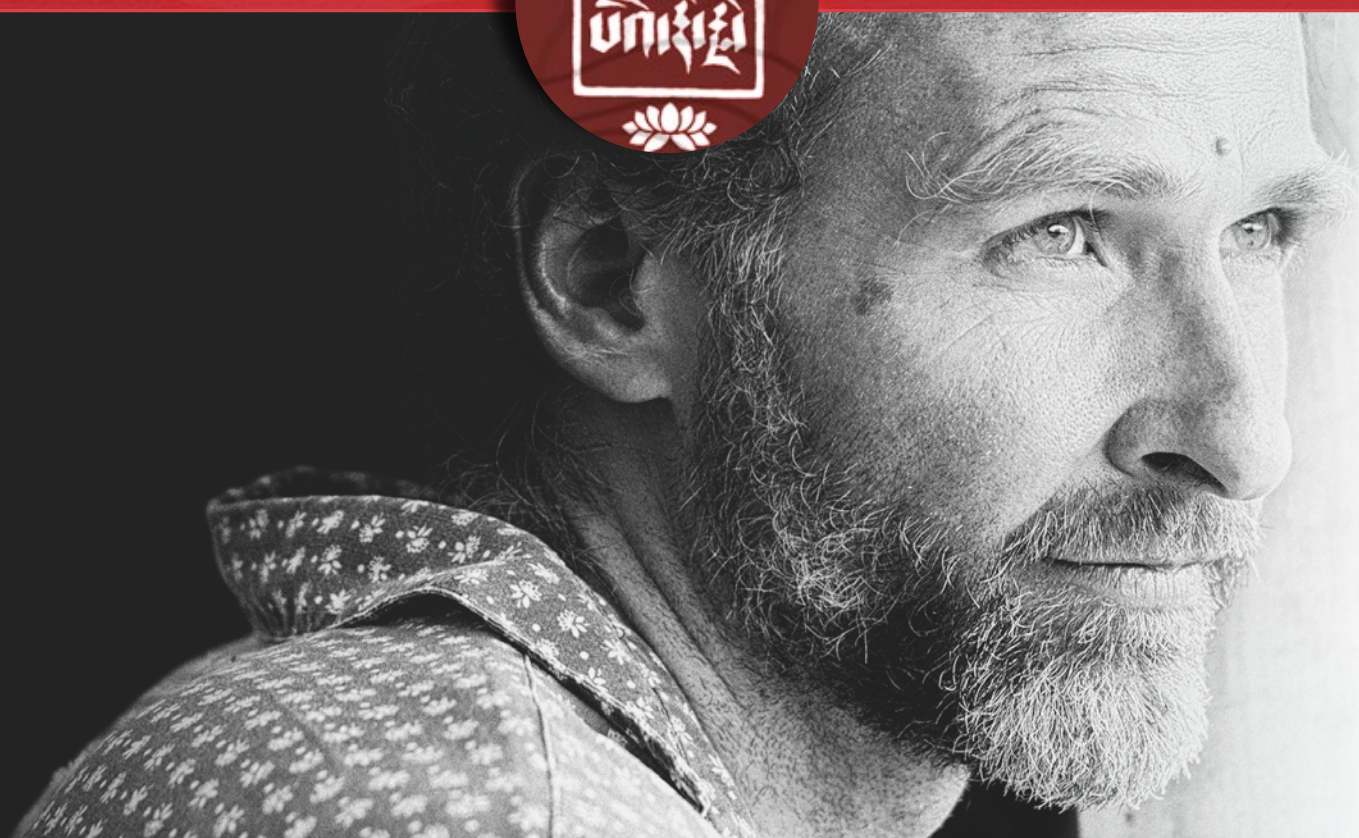
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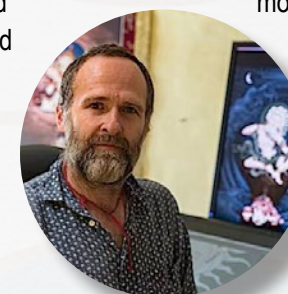
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 2 Lama Tsongkhapa Day	3	4	5 PUJA: • Protector	6	7	1 10 24 LUNAR
10 25	10 26	10 27	10 28	10 29	11 1 ●	11 2
9	10	11	12	13	14 PUJA: • Green Tara • Medicine Buddha	15
11 3	11 4	11 5	11 6	11 7	11 8	11 9
16 Father Tsog 	17	18	19	20	21 PUJA: • Medicine Buddha	22
11 10	11 11	11 12	11 13	11 14	11 15	11 16 ○
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
11 17	11 18	11 19	11 20	11 21	11 22	11 23
30	31 Mother Tsog 	<p>Lord Tsongkapa (1357-1419), a fully Enlightened Buddha, and also historical founder of the Gelugpa. He is depicted meditating at the unfindable point where the sea and the horizon meet, which symbolizes the Middle Way and his complete mastery over the joining of compassion and wisdom for the sake of all living beings.</p>				
11 24	11 25	27				



Ben Christian | Jampay Dorje

Jampay Dorje (Ben Christian) is an artist seeking to offer others the many realisations that can be reached through classical Buddhist practices. His goals are to paint the higher states of mind that can be experienced through combining meditation, retreat, and a good relationship with your Guru; and to inspire in others the wish to reach those states of mind. Through his art he aims to convey what it is like to meet the Deity through your Teacher's unspoken instruction and profound blessing.

Retreat is fundamental to Jampa Dorje's process. When he first became inspired to create art he went into retreat to ask for blessings to be able to express the teachings he was receiving at the time. At the end of that retreat images and techniques started pouring into him. Before that, he says,



he "could barely paint at all." Once it became clear to him that the digital process supported his goal of sharing dharma with as many people as possible Jampay Dorje began to devote more of his life to "digital" Thangka art in between retreats.

He works primarily in Photoshop and uses ArtRage for linework. It takes him about a month (or between 100 and 200 hours) to produce a work. He rarely takes general commissions; focusing instead on subject matter that is rare or has not been illustrated before. He also undertakes works as requested by his teachers.

Jampay Dorje lives in Armidale, New South Wales, Australia. He divides his time between art; undertaking his own meditation retreats; supporting others' retreats by running a retreat centre; and teaching.

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