



## THE NATURAL FOREST MONASTERY in RANDERS

### Description of Key Rituals

- To hold daily morning prayer meetings/services, where as part of the service, monks are offered food no later than 11a.m.
- To hold evening prayer meetings, perhaps followed by meditation.
- To hold and keep "Buddha days", to feed the monk and receive blessings as well as forgiveness from the deceased.
- To hold Buddhist feasts and Buddha days.
- To be able to give blessing to bridal couples in the temple, before or after a wedding. Tradition that the monk makes "holy water", which the guests then pour over the bride and groom's hands and wish them a happy and rich marriage. One thing that many Thais demand, but which can not be practiced in e.g. the church or the town hall. (due to time)
- To bless the homes of the members.
- To bless a person's family.
- To give thanks for offerings.
- To pray from our local prayer book, with Thai text, and English text, but also with audio language on the Thai text, so that everyone can participate in the prayers, even if they do not know Thai or know the prayers.