

Than Ajahn Karuniko

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Than Ajahn Karuniko (Christopher John Woodfine) was born in 1953 near Manchester in England. He graduated from Sheffield University in electronics engineering 1975 and worked as an engineer in North London.

In 1978, he met Ven Ajahn Sumedho who had recently taken up residence in Hampstead Vihara, North London and choose to become an anagarika (novice) in 1982 under the guidance of Ven Ajahn Sumedho at CITTA VIVEKA Chithurst Buddhist Monastery, England. In July 1984, he took the monk's (bhikkju) ordination with Ven Ajahn Sumedho.

Than Ajahn Karuniko had spent most of his monastic life helping to establish monasteries in England and New Zealand, and spent three years living in monasteries in Thailand. At present, he is deputy abbot at CITTA VIVEKA Chithurst Monastery.