

Goddess Temple News

Beltane 2022
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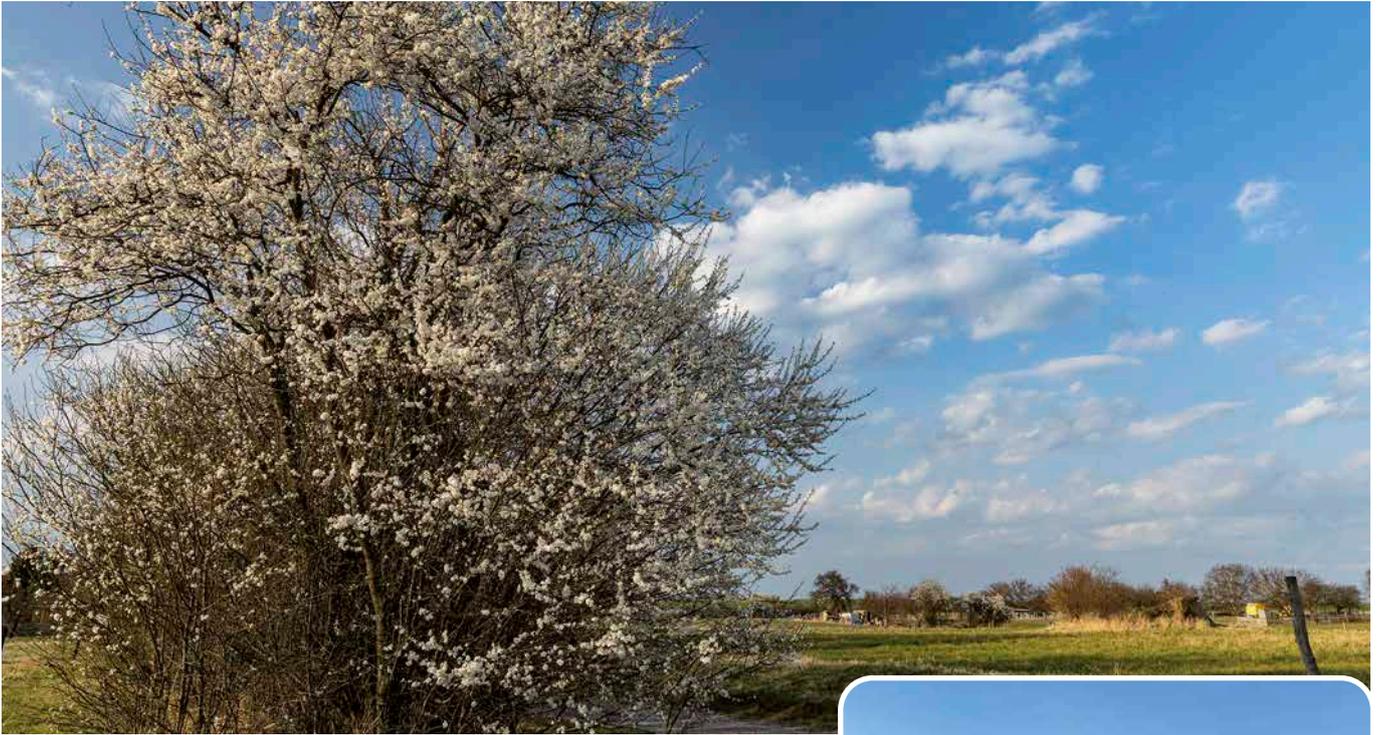


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EDITORIAL

Loving Her Pathway Ahead

Welcome to the Beltane edition of Goddess Temple News!

In this, our 20th Anniversary year, we celebrate the Goddess Rhiannon at Beltane. In the blossoming time of year Avalon is exquisitely beautiful, with the sacred apple tress starting to blossom and the heady apple blossom and hawthorn scent lingering in the warmer air. Walking around Avalon the hawthorns are now flowering, their pretty blooms bobbing in the gentle breeze. Summer is once more just around the corner and the land is rich, greening and colourful as all of life erupts.

At Beltane, we celebrate the sensuality of Rhiannon and our energy rising with joy. We give thanks for those we love, and accept being loved. We honour, love and care for ourselves and all those within our communities. Rhiannon invites us to partake of her nature, to play, sing and dance in her name, to gather for the May Pole dancing and enjoy the lushness of the land as we Honour her.

In this edition we hope you enjoy Luna Silver's article on Trees, exploring Hawthorn Woman and Oak Woman. Katie Player's review of the new Goddess House Retreats inspires us and it's not too late to sign up for the nurturing Beltane Retreat on 14th and 15th May!



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We also have a gorgeous Beltane poem from Lynne Sedgmore. Bee Helygen considers how the sometimes troubled world we find ourselves in reflects a world of love and hope.

As we continue our special 20th celebration year we look forward to some marvellous exhibitions in Glastonbury, curated by Susie Quatermass and her creative team, who are hosting the Sheela Na Gig exhibition early in May, do go and visit if you are in town.

As we weave through May we are very much looking forward to the Mysterium, a chance to delve deep with The Lady of Avalon and her priestesses/priests.

If you would love to connect with the Glastonbury Goddess Temple from wherever you are in the world each month then our virtual Goddess Temple may be for you! Join our Goddess Temple Madron Scheme and feel the connection to Goddess and Avalon from afar visit our website at www.goddess temple.co.uk and click the join the virtual temple link.

*We wish you a beautiful Beltane time,
The Glastonbury Goddess Temple Team.*

THE NINE SACRED TREES OF AVALON AND BRIDANNIA – HAWTHORN AND OAK WOMAN



Photo Luna Silver

Our journey continues with the nine sacred trees of the wheel of Avalon and Bridannia. Moving to the Southeast at Beltane, we meet with Hawthorn Woman. She who stands with Rhiannon of the birds, Blodeuwedd, Olwen of the white track, Ellen of the trackways, Lover Nolava, and Morgen Thetis who plays her sensual music of love and ecstasy.

Hawthorn woman blossoms at Beltane emanating her sensual heady sweet scent. In Glastonbury we have two species of Hawthorn. One is native to this land and the other is known as the Glastonbury thorn and is said to have arrived on the Isle of Avalon when Joseph of Arimathea brought the holy grail to Glastonbury. He planted his staff which took root and became the first Glastonbury thorn tree. In 2010 the tree on Weayrall Hill was cut down by persons unknown, The Glastonbury thorn blossoms in spring and in winter. The native species only blossoms in Spring. Every year a piece is ceremonially cut from the thorn tree in St. John's churchyard. It is cut by the oldest child attending St. John's infant school and then sent to the Queen for her Christmas table. The custom was started by the Bishop of Bath and Wells in the reign of James I. The original thorn was destroyed during the English civil war. The tradition was revived in 1922 when Queen Mary agreed to accept a piece.

Hawthorn is known as a faerie tree. It should never be cut without asking permission of the Fae or things will not go well. Lady Hawthorn is a healer. Her fresh green leaves are very nutritious. The blossom and berries are a heart medicine, physically and emotionally. If you are lucky enough to be gifted a faerie wand from Hawthorn woman, it can aid your ability to see into other realms.

In the South at Summer Solstice, we meet with Oak Woman. She who stands with Domnu of the



deep and Nolava of water who flows through us in our blood, sweat and tears. She who is our memory and the story of everything.

Oak is very durable. Tudor buildings are still in use today. It has a high resistance to water and will not warp. Oak barrels can be used many times without rotting or tainting the maturing wine. As we honour Nolava of water in the South we explore our emotions. The Sanskrit word, 'Duir', is the root of the runic name for oak and the English word 'door', which suggests that this tree stands as an opening into greater wisdom. Our emotions, allowed full presence, can be this doorway. Oak woman can show us the way and teach us to be rooted in the present and not become lost in our emotional tides. Oak can also be the entry to the Akashic records – the library of everything that is, was and will be. An oak wand can take us wherever we must go to know what we wish to know. Making and wearing oak beads can help give us the strength and resilience to live fully in this world here and now.

Luna Silver, Priestess of Avalon and course tutor of the Priestess of Avalon training. Visit www.goddess temple teachings.co.uk for more information.

A decorative egg-shaped object with a face and symbols, likely a storyweaver. The object is dark with a yellow face and various symbols, including a cross and a crescent moon. It is set against a red background with a feather.

Storyweaver
4 Weekends
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Begins September 10th/11th 2022
An exploration over 4 weekends to help develop your path as teller, weaver or dreamer of stories.

<https://goddess temple teachings.co.uk/storyweaver/>

NEW GODDESS HOUSE GROUP RETREATS BEGIN WITH SUCCESSFUL SPRING EQUINOX RETREAT

This Spring Equinox we held our first ever Goddess House Weekend Retreat. Led by Priestess Healers Anna Saqqara Price and Katie Player the Retreat was an Empowerment Journey, a two day experience with the Goddess of Fire including Empowerment, Fire and Embodiment Ceremonies, sharing circles, exploring the land in Avalon, 1 to 1 healing, and Vision Board creation.

Other Priestess Healers were woven into the event to give participants a wider view of the Goddess Community in Avalon. Our vision is to produce a deeply held, creative space for healing and growth for all those wanting to experience Goddess and Avalon. Sessions will include Ceremony, Creative Arts and Healing sessions, with a small group format and plenty of space to integrate and enjoy all that Avalon has to offer. They will run during the day on a Saturday and Sunday, and we will signpost attendees to other events that are happening during the weekend.

Here is a testimonial from one of our first participants:

“The Spring Equinox Empowerment Retreat was a deep soul and healing journey for me. Anna and Katie with their team of healers and Priestesses guided and held the retreat with warmth, skill and grace. They powerfully evoked and guided me into the realm of the Goddess and the deep magic that resides there, in the process guiding me into the heart of my own Goddess nature; my deep knowing, my capacity to love, and my light. For a weekend retreat it sure did pack a lot in without ever feeling strenuous, some of the delights included guided meditations, a walk on the land of the Goddess, creating a vision board and intentions, a fire ceremony, a 1:1 healing and, finally, an embodied encounter with the Goddess. Over the course of the weekend I felt the layers of the resistance, tiredness and pain I had arrived with dissolve in Artha’s fire, and by the end of the retreat I felt energised, empowered and ready to move forward. The small group format meant that participants receive a lot of contact and support from Anna and Katie and it felt intimate, relaxed and fun. It was a privilege and an unforgettable experience to work with these experienced and gifted Priestesses.”

We plan to hold a Goddess House Seasonal Retreat around the Wheel of the Year and we’d love for you to join us

Beltane

The Beltane Retreat is booking fast for Saturday 14th – Sunday 15th May and will be focusing on



Heart healing and will include working with Equine therapy horses.

Litha

Following Her Flow Saturday 11th – Sunday 12th June will focus on the element of Water and visit some of the sacred water sources in Avalon.

Lammas

The Great Mother Saturday 20th – Sunday 21st August.

Autumn Equinox

Earthing your power Saturday 1st – Sunday 2nd October.

Samhain

Wise Woman healing Saturday 5th – Sunday 6th November.

Please contact Goddess House on 01458 899043 or goddesshousehealing@gmail.com to book.

Katie Player, Priestess of Avalon

Goddess Children and Parents Nine Seasonal Workshops for 4-7years and 8-11years with Priestess Jennifer Murphy



Begins September 24th 2022

[https://goddess temple teachings.co.uk/
goddesschildren/](https://goddess temple teachings.co.uk/goddesschildren/)

IS THERE STILL LOVE IN THE WORLD?



Scientists and psychotherapists now believe that many of us suffer from intergenerational trauma. It means that our parents, and their parents, and every generation before that, has passed on their life traumas to those who came after them. Sometimes in the physical world, sometimes in a psychic sense.

I remember very clearly sitting under the dining table as my great grandmother, my grandmother, my mother and their friends had their weekly coffee and cake get together. I must have been about six years old when it came into my consciousness the first time. In those days children were seen, but not heard and often generally ignored unless we did something real bad.

I overheard words that I did not understand then, but I 'felt' their meaning. Over and over again would my great grandmother recall her flight with her three year old daughter in 1917 from the advance of the Bolshevik soldiers. Their cruelty was legendary and no man, woman and child was safe. The only way to survive was to pack what they could carry and run.

Years later, after hearing these stories over and over, I finally understood words like beatings, rape, murder. The child in me still vibrated the fear from those long ago moments of horror in my mother-line's life.

I felt those vibrations again when I heard of the invasion forces of Russia advancing on the Ukraine. I remembered immediately that fear, the child's heart reverberating the fear from her great grandmother's voice.

Even though, on that day, I had my own trauma to contend with from the premature birth of my daughter's twins and the danger to their and her life, I still thought of all the pregnant women in the Ukraine who had believed themselves safe. Looking forward to the birth with their own children, expecting to be in the same position in which my daughter gave birth: a clean, well equipped, well staffed hospital. Plenty of support. Instead they

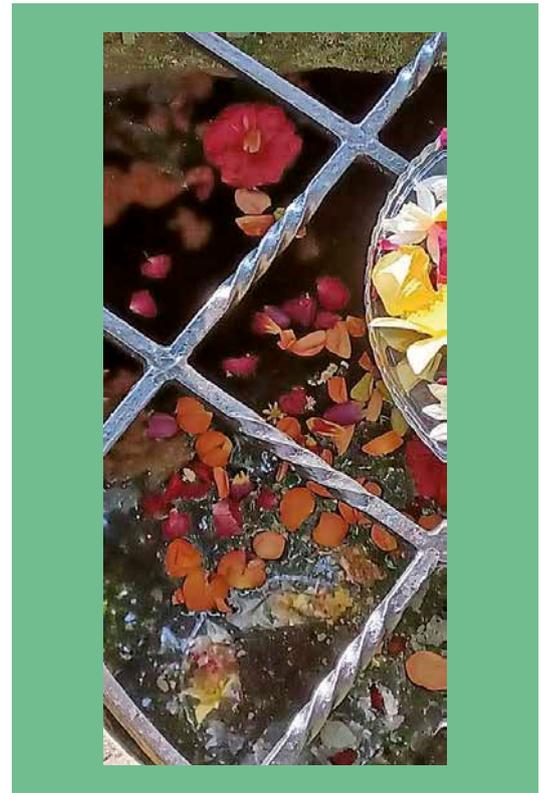


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found themselves grabbing what they could carry, running, hiding in the tunnels of the Underground, lying on cold stone floors, holding their children or giving birth to them in such an unsanitary environment. Sitting next to my daughter and her children, I know they would surely have died under those circumstances.

The absolute insanity of it all dawned slowly on me. I went from disbelief to horror, from shock to anger to hatred. Hatred of all the grey suited men that play with the lives of women and children. Who use the most appalling bombs against innocent people. I could feel my rage rise. Rage comes from fear, and fear kills love.

I was incandescent with rage when I saw the pictures on television of the six year old girl who died in the bombings. My friend who has a daughter of similar age called me in tears. The horror of these actions, the callous disregard for all human life; I still can not completely wrap my head around it five weeks later. I doubt many people can say that they understand it.

I despaired of this world. What more can be done to destroy everything that is good and decent? Did we not see the Age of Aquarius dawn in this century? Did our parents not believe that the Cold War was over? That peace had finally descended in the West, if not anywhere else?

The dark night of the Soul descended on me and I felt like I could never forgive this blatant breach of humanitarian agreement towards peace. How can we in the 21st Century with all we have behind

us, and all we have learnt in school about two World Wars, understand the mind set of someone who wishes to destroy all that lies before him with the fire of vengeance. What can we set against such fury?

Love Love Love. It poured out of millions of people, solidarity with the Ukrainian people, gifts and donations of food, money, transport... **Hope.**

So much help, so much determination to not let a War Mongerer win this time. This time we will not look the other way. This time we stand with our fellow human beings in the Ukraine. The overwhelming loving support for the people there gave them the heart and courage to stand against the onslaught. **Love for all existences is, and always will be, the only weapon against hate.**

I don't know what will happen next. No one knows. However, the actions of so many decent caring people all over the world has given me a smidgen of hope. A touch of love brightens my heart. Goddess loving women and men all over this land have joined together in prayer in the Temple and at their altars each day to send love and hope to the Ukrainian people. Many rituals and ceremonies have been conducted sending magical aid to that land. Even though their homes have been destroyed, their spirit is strong. I pray it may last until this injustice shall pass too. Then it will take all of us to help the people heal, and trust in each other to be restored.

So mote it be. Blessed be.



Beltane Fire of Love

Nolava of Fire
We feel your flame
Your unconditional love
This Beltane time

Bright, alight
Our bodies blazing
Every cell enlivened
By your flaring flickering fingers
Burning burning burning.

We chant songs
Stream our power
Ignite our truth
Roar majestic sounds
Release the rage and pain.

Letting go, no holding back
We let go in your fire.

Restraint lifting in your swirling smoke
Hearts opening
Sharing vulnerability
Your love dissolves all wounds.

Fire Nolava
We are your flames
Burning with your love
Burning with your love

Blessed Be

Lynne Sedgmore : Priestess of Avalon

Bee Helygen
Priestess/Healer/Wisdom Keeper
Glastonbury Goddess Temple
29th March 2022
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Join us for a Beltane celebration and
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We will be uncovering Herstory through
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Red tent, labyrinth walks, talks, meditation
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♥ She will challenge you to become
awakened to Her wisdoms.

♥ She will Inspire you to become Her vessel
through which She sends Her Gifts of Love
into the world. Ignite the Divine within You
and rise.

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GODDESS TEMPLE MADRONS

Goddess Temple Madrons are our amazing circle of supporters who donate a monthly amount to the Temple. Madrons receive entry into a monthly membership scheme of content, which connects them to the energies and activities of our Temple and the Lady of Avalon. We aim to offer a devotional path of practice that allows all who wish to journey with the Temple to discover the gifts of the Goddess. This includes:

- ◊ Seasonal prayers connecting you to the land around you and to the Goddess of the season
- ◊ Seasonal video filmed in Avalon
- ◊ Virtual Full Moon Temple, streamed live from the Goddess Temple
- ◊ A private Facebook group for Madrons with additional content throughout the month
- ◊ And much more!

Together, we are creating a thriving, open hearted virtual community of Goddess loving people around the globe, spreading Her love into the world. We are so grateful to our wonderful Madrons, and to all who give to the Temple in so many ways, for your support.



Found out more about becoming a Goddess Temple Madron
by visiting:

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For more information on the course and details of dates and times of the spiral weekends please visit our website or contact Bee on
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