

Goddess Temple News

Lammas 2022
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EDITORIAL

Five Years Ago

Welcome to the Lammas edition of Goddess Temple News!

Five years ago, this Lammas, Lisa and I stepped down as Co-Editors of Goddess Temple News. I am delighted Lisa has taken on the task again, and equally delighted she has asked me to write a guest editorial. Another precious editor, Janet Parfitt, has written an article, *Wild Flowers – A Gift from Gaia* for this edition.

Lammas is traditionally a time when we celebrate all we have harvested. On a personal level, it has been a time for celebration. I was diagnosed with breast cancer five years ago this Lammas and am pleased to reach what has always been considered the five-year benchmark in terms of likelihood of re-occurrence – though of course nothing is certain.

Like all of us, I have enjoyed mixing more freely after the restrictions of COVID, catching up with old friends, and gathering in groups. I began Melissaing in the Goddess Temple again last September and have loved seeing the visitors gradually coming back from all over the UK, and overseas.

Yet we remember those who have died as a result of COVID, and those whose mental and physical health has suffered because of the pandemic. Tragically, too, the war in Ukraine, and its attendant loss of life, continues.

As always though, Goddess holds us in the paradoxes – and Lammas is very much a season

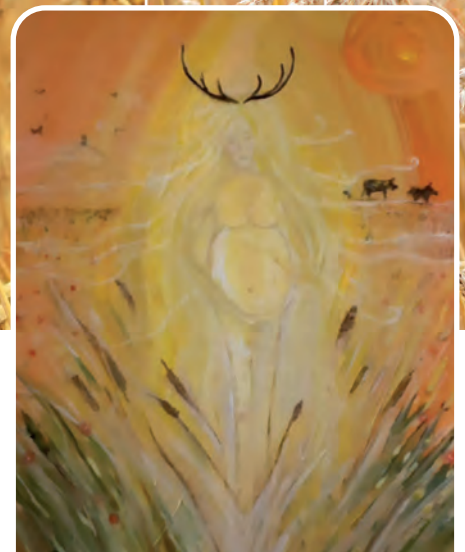


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of paradox. In the Northern Hemisphere at Lammas, we celebrate the summer, even though we know it is past its height. We celebrate the harvest, knowing that before August has finished with us, in early morning, we will start to feel autumn's breath.

We celebrate, but we remember that life can be harder than we ever imagined it would be. We enjoy the summer, maybe all the more so because it doesn't last.

The one constant though, if we did but know it, is that we are loved, and the Great Mother holds all of us.

Sixteen years ago, at Lammas, I knelt at the Temple altar, decorated in gold. The Temple was full of Goddess Conference goers. I experienced then the love of the Great Mother, although I didn't realise it until afterwards. Looking back, it was at exactly that moment that the grief of losing my mother – which had occurred several years previously – began to heal, little by little. And it was also the beginning of my Priestess journey.

May we all experience the love of the Mother this Lammas-tide, and may we always carry summer in our hearts.

Lorraine Pickles
Priestess of Avalon

WILD FLOWERS – A GIFT FROM GAIA



are a symbol of the bounty of the Earth. All of them are different; in colour, shape and size, just like we are. Their diversity is part of their beauty and their strength with different flowers drawing in different pollinators. White flowers often bloom late in the evenings or at night and are usually pollinated by moths. So day or night wild flowers always have something to offer.

Janet Parfit, Priestess of the Goddess
and Priestess of Cerridwen.



I think one of the most beautiful sights in Spring and Summer is the beautiful wild flowers that pop up all over the place. The daisies, buttercups, dandelions and countless others have a simple beauty which is easy to take for granted. But these flowers are often the first to bloom in the early spring when other more showy blooms are nowhere near ready. As such, they are essential to pollinators. Our native bees, already struggling with disease and toxic chemicals would have to struggle even harder if they didn't have our own native flowers to rely on.

And our flowers are useful. Every part of the dandelion is edible. The roots can be ground up to make a coffee type drink. The leaves can be used in salads. The blossom of the many flowers can also be eaten in salads. Not to mention that they make great offerings. Rather than tying ribbons to trees which if tied too tightly can impede the growth of the tree and if the wrong material is used then they don't biodegrade, I prefer to simply scatter the petals of wild flowers around the base of the tree while saying a prayer of gratitude. And, of course, wild flowers are free. They are not imported from other countries using air miles. They need no toxic chemicals to make them grow.

The thought that a little dandelion seed, light enough to be carried on the wind, can when it connects with the Earth push through a crack in concrete is mind blowing! If that little seed can do that, what can we do if we put our minds to it? Gaia gives us these beautiful flowers as a free gift. They

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GODDESS HOUSE WEEKEND RETREATS ARE NOW RUNNING AROUND THE WHEEL OF THE YEAR

The Goddess House Weekend Retreats run over the Saturday and Sunday and are non-residential. We include lots of Ceremony, Healing sessions, Creative activities, walks and activities in the beautiful and sacred nature spaces in Avalon.

Each retreat focuses on the relevant Goddess on the seasonal Avalonian Wheel of the Year. The Retreats are gently and deeply healing but also playful and fun, with lots of breaks and processing time. They are an unique opportunity to explore Goddess and the Avalonian Wheel of the Year in a little more depth in a small, held, group situation. Goddess House Retreats are hosted by Goddess House Priestess Healers with deep experience of holding groups.

We launched this Spring Equinox with an Empowerment Retreat. Our Rhiannon Retreat focused on Heart Healing and included a morning with an Equine Therapy herd exploring and healing our boundaries. A guided journey to meet Rhiannon, dancing on the land, a one to one healing session, and a Red Tent experience all culminated in a Goddess Embodiment Ceremonial journey, wearing genuine flower head dresses they had made themselves. "A truly magical and powerful weekend, held by the most authentic and mindful Goddess's. Anna, Katie and Kyah took us on a journey I will never forget because I got to work through so much, on such a deep level. Such a thoughtful and delicious two days."

We are now holding a Goddess House Seasonal Retreat around the Wheel of the Year and we'd love for you to join us for one. The Retreat weekends are during the season and not on the Festival weekend itself; where there are already many ceremonies and activities for you to enjoy with us in Glastonbury.

Other weekend Retreats this year that you can book are:

Ker Lammas

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

Banbha Equinox

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

Cerridwen Samhain

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

Please contact Goddess House on 01458 899 043 or goddesshousehealing@gmail.com to book. Goddess House Retreat Weekends cost £250 – £200 on a sliding scale.



*Rhiannon Retreatants in Goddess House with Priestess Anna-Saqqara Price.
By Katie Player, Priestess of Avalon and Retreat Priestess.*

Katie Player, Priestess of Avalon

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LAMMAS TO SAMHAIN ASTROLOGY

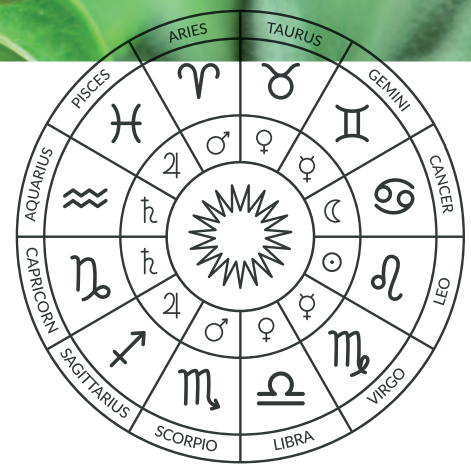


And so, the wheel turns to Lammas, and we find ourselves experiencing some of the most seismic astrology of our times as Urania, Mars and the North Node come together in the sign of Taurus, the Abundant Earth Mother on the 1st of August. This triple conjunction amplifies the collective lessons we have been learning around the use of resources and our treatment of our Earth. There can be breakdown and breakthroughs as we continue to liberate ourselves from the old patriarchal systems.

The Aquarius Full Moon on the 12th of August also powerfully activates this alignment, showing us that we can create equality if we come together in community. August is a month of intense Uranian Energy, which can bring many shocks and revelations, yet the Virgo New Moon on the 27th offers us a moment of integration. This Lunation in the sign of the Priestess Healer invites us to spend some time reorganising and realigning as we prepare to enter the darker half of the year once more.

As we descend into Autumn, Mercuria the Messenger begins Her 3rd retrograde journey of the year on the 9th of September. She will be moving between the signs of Libra and Virgo during this period, calling us into ever deeper levels of purification, decluttering and rebalancing. With Mars also entering Her retrograde shadow in Gemini at this time, it's important to take note of the themes that are playing out in our lives as we will be revisiting them over the coming six months.

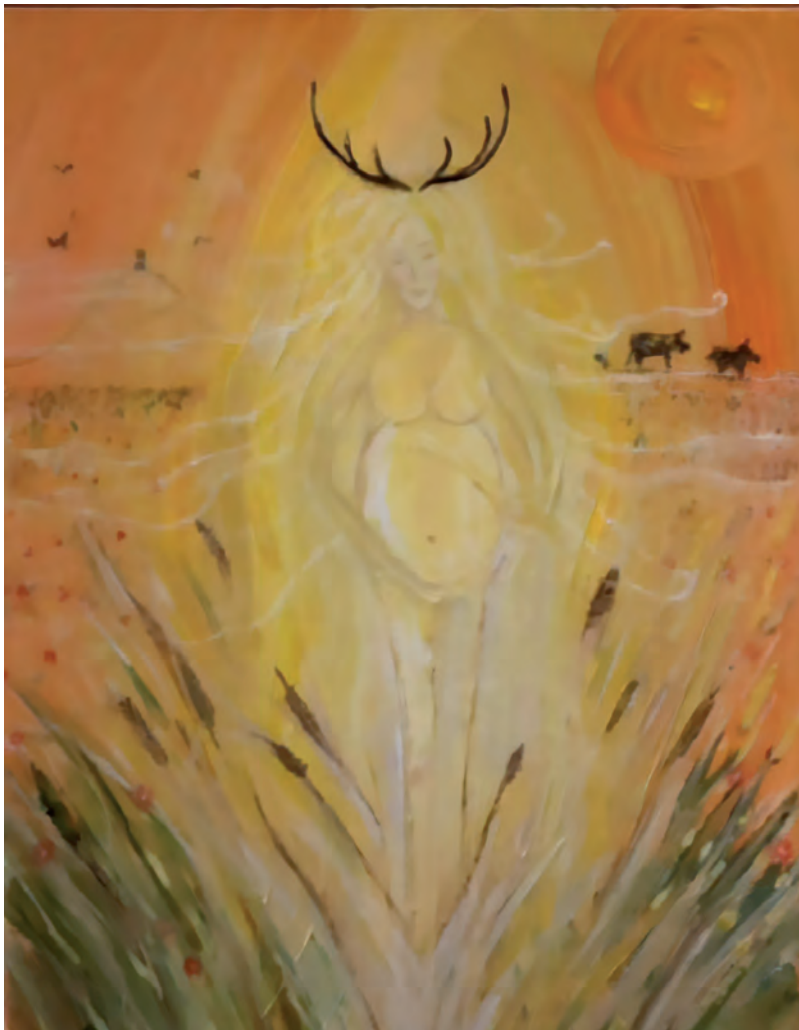
The Pisces Full Moon rises on the 10th of September, reminding us to stay connected to our compassion and intuition amongst all the logical, cerebral energies that are dominating the cosmos at this time. It is time to practice surrender and trust that what is meant for us, will come to us.



Sol moves into Libra on the 23rd of September, as we celebrate Mabon. All is held in a perfect moment equilibrium as we move in the season of the Goddess of the Scales. The Libra New Moon rises on the 25th of September, placing our focus on justice and fairness for all. Sitting in opposition to Jupiter in Aries, this Lunation may also call us into rebalancing our needs with those of others, placing relationship issues under the spotlight.

Mercuria stations direct at 24 degrees Virgo on the 3rd of October, whilst in opposition to Nebulous Neptunia in Pisces. What was hidden under a shroud of illusion is now revealed. The Aries Full Moon reaches its peak on the 9th of October, sitting next to Chiron and opposite Venus and Sol in Libra. This Full Moon rises as Plutonia, the Dark Mother stations direct, offering us a period of alchemical release and catharsis. Sol enters the sign of the Scorpioness on the 23rd of October, with a New Moon Eclipse on the 25th leading us into a profoundly transformative Samhain Season.

Maria Jones is a Priestess of Avalon, and course tutor for the Silver Spiral Star Priestess Training. Visit www.goddessstempleteachings.co.uk for more information!



Mother Nolava Goddess of the Grain by Jennifer Murphy

Mother Nolava, Goddess of the grain. Goddess of abundant nurture and love. Deer woman, Goddess of the land, Goddess of the golden cornucopia of life, gifting us with her eternal bounty, We breathe you in.

I am Jennifer Murphy, Priestess and Priestess of Avalon in training. I run Goddess children and parent workshops at Goddess house, I'm a goddess artist, write musings, poetry, incantations, and journeys and have a slight obsession with books and nature.

Lammas

Mother Nolava's rich ripeness
Is available to all,
Love manifested through abundance
Nurturing our magnificence.

Taste Her sweet apples,
Her delicious honey loaf.
Fill with the fruits of Avalon
Be Her Abundance, here now.

Dr Lynne Sedgmore CBE, Priestess of Avalon



THE NINE SACRED TREES OF AVALON AND BRIDANNIA – ASH, BEECH, AND APPLE WOMAN

Continuing our spiralling journey, meeting with the trees of the wheel of Avalon and Bridannia, we find ourselves at Lammas in the Southwest. Here stands Ash woman, with the great golden Mother Goddess Ker, she who brings us the first harvest. All that was seeded in the darkness and quickened at Imbolc ripens and begins to be manifested in this world. This is the birthing of our dreams – Cornucopia, Goddess of fruitfulness, abundance, and joy. Here we also honour Morgen Mystress Glitonea in all her golden glory.



of magic and enchantment. The apple is a potent magical symbol in mythology, faerie tale, folklore, and literature ancient and modern: apple for teacher, an apple a day keeps the doctor away – health and wellbeing; forbidden fruit in the garden of Eden, poison in Snow White – both stories of initiation; silver apples of the moon, golden apples of the sun – WB Yeats 'The song of wandering Aengus', a tale of divine inspiration and ecstatic longing. Plant an apple tree. Let this tree be your connection to Avalon. Eat the fruits every autumn and press apple juice to use in ceremony. Make a wand from apple wood. Apple Woman is the Mystrix of deep magic and enchantment.

In Norse mythology Odin hung on the Ash tree for nine days and nights to receive the wisdom of the runes. One night when I sat with Ash Woman, Freya whispered to me that it was in fact she who had taught this wisdom to Odin – but that is a story for another time.

Ash is the tree of Inspiration (full of spirit) and Ecstasy (outside of the self) and Initiation (beginning, entry, and rebirth). Sit with Ash Woman this season. Listen to the wisdom that she may share with you. Allow yourself to be inspired. Open your heart to the experience of ecstasy. Surrender to the initiation of Ash woman.

You may like to make your own set of symbols for oracling, or scrying received directly from Ash woman. These may become your gateway tool for the revelation of yoniversal wisdom.

Arriving now at the Autumn Equinox in the West we meet with Beech Woman who stands with Banbha, ancient goddess from the times before the great floods that shaped Bridget's Isles. Here we also meet with Morgen Moronoe, mature in her wisdom and knowing, respected for her grounded gracious presence. Sit beneath the wide spread of a beech tree. She will protect you, giving shelter and sanctuary. Make some beads from beech and wear for protection and comfort. They will help you maintain the integrity of your auric space from intrusion and dis-ease.

Now that we have completed our journey around the rim of the wheel we step into the centre. Here we meet with Apple woman who stands with Nolava, goddess of the mystical otherworld sacred Isle of Avalon, Bridannia, tutelary goddess of Brigit's Isles – her name a combination of maiden goddess Brid and ancient one Annia, and Morgen la Fey, mystress

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

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.

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with Christine Watkins

Storyteller Extraordinaire



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An exploration over 4 weekends to help develop your path as teller, weaver or dreamer of stories.

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Seeds of our stories, planted deep, waving now in the landscape, green and gold... and calling to be harvested.

For me Storyweavers has been a long time ripening in heartmind.

My life as an explorer of Herstory takes me on many journeys, and on the way I encounter so much that I want to share and explore. During the covid lockdown time I had the chance to offer an online course *Travelling in Story* facilitated by Glastonbury Goddess Temple. In the wonderful way that zoom makes possible people from across the globe came together to attend. This was special; and it has made me eager to be working in person again... And so the first Storyweavers exploration has come into being – or rather, it is on its way, lovingly grown and shaped and will be fully here and given life and voice as the bold circle gathers in early September for the first of four weekends.

The circle is not yet complete, and you have until the end of the second week of August to apply. You may have worked with story (or with me) before, or perhaps this is quite new to you... Wherever you are on your journey, if you would like to explore your own path as a teller, weaver or dreamer of stories, if you are ready to use your speaking voice and if you have a deep curiosity and love of Story then come... the circle is waiting for your unique voice and presence.

Christine Watkins, Storyweaver Priestess.
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