# Glastonbury Goddess Temple

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## Goddess Temple News

Imbolc 2024

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## Welcome to the Season of Imbolc: Embracing Renewal and Growth

As we stand on the threshold of a new year, adorned with the promise of fresh beginnings, we find ourselves transitioning into a season steeped in tradition and significance – the sacred time of Imbolc. Within the tapestry of nature's cycle, Imbolc marks the gradual awakening from the depths of winter towards the arrival of spring. It's a moment when the dormant earth stirs, anticipating the forthcoming rejuvenation and the blooming of life.

Imbolc honours the stirring of the earth and the return of the sun's warmth, echoing the eternal dance of light and darkness. It's a time to pay homage to Brigid, Bridie, Maiden Nolava emblems of healing, poetry, and transformation, whose presence infuses this season with hope and inspiration.

Let us gather together in celebration, sharing stories, songs, and offerings that symbolize our gratitude for the gifts bestowed upon us.

May the fires of Imbolc ignite our spirits, illuminating the way forward with warmth and clarity. May this season be a reminder of our interconnectedness with nature and each other, fostering a sense of community and unity that transcends boundaries.

As we welcome the new year and immerse ourselves in the season of Imbolc, let us embrace the opportunity for growth, transformation, and the blossoming of our souls. May this time be one of renewal, inspiration, and boundless potential.

Blessed be.

Giorgia Farano Priestess of Avalon Goddess Temple News Editor



## Come fly with the Morgens

Do you hear the call of the Crow Morgen Sisters? As they cry out their call... Caw caw.

Can you see their wings beating as they dip and dive? The caress of the wind against your face? Feel the raw elemental splash of rain against your skin? Are they calling you to join us for our Seasonal Ceremonies out on the land of Avalon?

For our next series of in-person and online virtual seasonal Ceremonies, and online Madron (subscription group) Full moon guided visualizations, we'll be journeying with The Crow Morgen Sisters.

Who are the Morgens, I hear you ask?

They are the wild elemental healing & clearing energies of the land, the weather, the trees, the plants, the ancient magic, as embodied by nine beings. They shapeshift regularly into Crows and they can eat, transform, and transmute our human pain, trauma, and emotions if we invite them.

Kathy Jones wrote of them in her book 'Remembering the Nine Morgens':

"Nine Faery Queens, Nine Fey, Nine Fates, Nine Sidhe, Nine enchantresses, Nine Goddesses, Nine Ladies, Maidens, Priestesses, Dakinis, Seers, Druidesses, Witches, Shamankas, Priestesses, Mortal women, Healers, & Nine Crones.

The Nine sisters of Avalon were first named by Geoffrey of Monmouth and later expanded on by different storytellers. They were known as the nine Morgens and their names were given with some variations as Thitis, Cliton, Thetis, Gliten, Glitonea, Moronoe, Mazoe Tryronoe, and Morgen La Fey. Many of these names are unfamiliar, except for Morgen La fey.

The mythos of Nine Magical Women spans many different cultures and times, particularly in European and Scandinavian countries. Whether Morgana and her sisters were a circle of nine human women, nine priestesses, nine mystic women, nine maidens or a representation of nine divine beings, nine Goddesses, is here to be explored."

Kathy Jones Remembering the Nine Morgens. Book available at www.kathyjones.co.uk

At Imbolc 1 Feb, we will work with the Gifts of Thetis – Maiden Quickener, Lady of Prophecy, Willow women. She brings the Gifts of Snow, Snowdrops, Swan, Phoenix and Unicorn, Spindle/Spinning Wheel. She helps in renewing your life and brings the

first signs that spring is coming, often as snowdrops poking up through the snow. She can consume feelings of guilt and shame, pains that you may be carrying from childhood, and remind you to find joy, to giggle, play and have fun again. Ask her to show you her visions of the future and call on her creative inspirational help especially for writing and poetry.

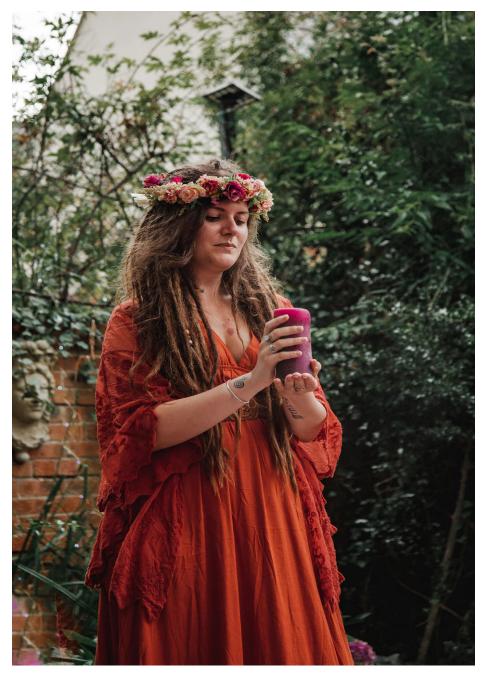
Come join us for our ceremonies and experience their wild shamanic energies as we embody them out in the landscape of Avalon, or join us virtually to journey to Avalon to receive their gifts of healing and transformation by feeding to them all that no longer serves you and open to their living elemental loving energies.

We are looking forward to welcoming you to our Imbolc Ceremony In person on February 1st and Online on February 2nd.

Anna Saqqara Priestess of Avalon, Goddess Temple & House Mother

Photo by Daniela Seefelder www.daniela-seefelder.com)

## Awakening to Goddess: Path of the Maiden New Course with Iona Jones



A course for young women to help them feel empowered in their lives

This year I am running a course for young women to help them feel empowered in their lives. The intention is for it to be a rich and inspiring experience where young women can be held and supported as they step more fully into who they are. I hope that they will leave the course with more confidence, courage and passion to be who they are and to shine their light in the world.

Iona Jones Priestess of Avalon See website for more information. goddesstempleteachings.co.uk/awakening/



Being a young woman in these times is so deeply challenging.

Unfortunately, the pressures of society, the system and social media are all too much, and many struggles with their mental health.

Around 20-25 years ago I was that young woman trying to find my way in the world and it was so difficult. I remember loving the freedom of leaving school / college and meeting new people, but deep down I had such low self-esteem. I didn't know who I was, and I certainly didn't have any idea of where I was heading, or why I was put on this Earth. On the outside I may have appeared okay, but inside I was unhappy

and desperately wanted to fit in, and wanted be prettier and cleverer than I was. For many years I engaged in toxic behaviours that numbed my feelings and were not good for my health. I look back at that time and feel sad that my younger self couldn't see the gifts she had and that she disliked herself so much. This continued for many years...

Many of us have had a similar experience as we stepped into our adult self. It is a confusing time of wanting to be liked and wanting to belong. Reflecting back, I wish I had some kind of holding during that time by some strong empowered female mentors. That they could have helped guide me as I stepped into my adult self.





## The Essence of Soul Healing

In the enchanting landscape of Glastonbury, seekers of holistic well-being and spiritual growth are invited to partake in a transformative experience – the Esoteric Soul Healing Intensive Practitioner Training. More than just a hands-on healing technique, Esoteric Soul Healing is an exploration of the essence of one's being – a journey that addresses imbalances and blockages across the physical, emotional, and mental bodies. Under the guidance of Karin Persons, this transformative journey delves into the depths of Esoteric Healing, a practice rooted in the visionary insights of Alice Bailey and translated into an accessible form by Kathy Jones.

The Soul Healing Approach: Navigating the Invisible Realms

At the heart of Soul Healing is the deep understanding that true healing extends beyond mere symptom relief and requires exploring the root causes of disease. This practice involves working with the subtle energies of the body's energy centres, known as chakras, to redress imbalances and usher in a natural flow of healing energy. The process requires the development of self-awareness, consciousness, intuition, and psychic skills, fostering personal growth and facilitating profound connections with other healers. By exploring the invisible realms of emotions, mind, and spirit, participants in the training learn to become attuned to the subtle energies within themselves and their patients. This deeper healing takes participants on transformative journeys within themselves. Soul Healing becomes a skill and a way of being; Soul Healers navigate the visible world with newfound clarity and purpose.

The Unseen Realms: Mastering Energetic Balance

The training does not just stop at recognizing different kinds of invisible energy; it empowers participants to work with these energies actively. The course covers the art of moving, directing, and balancing energy, honing the skills needed to heal on an energetic level. Participants develop psychic abilities, intertwining the ability to see, feel, hear, and sense invisible energies, fostering a direct connection to the soul and intuition.

Soul Healing transcends time and space, rooted in the understanding that healing extends beyond the physical body. It encompasses the emotional and mental realms, calling healer and patient to a state of healing consciousness. It is an exploration of the soul's energy and its manifestation in the world, fostering a holistic approach to well-being.

Intensive Training Highlights

Under the guidance of Karin Persons, the intensive training unfolds over six weekends spread across nine months. Each weekend covers various facets of Soul Healing. Beyond the basics, the course delves into topics such as Karma, Psychic Reading, Regression Rebirthing, Conscious Dying, and using sound, devas, angels, and guides in the healing process. These elements enrich the Soul Healing experience, providing a holistic and well-rounded understanding of the profound art.

Embracing Soul Healing as a Way of Life

The Esoteric Soul Healing Intensive Practitioner Training offers a transformative journey into the depths of holistic well-being and consciousness expansion. Rooted in ancient wisdom and guided by contemporary insights, Soul Healing becomes not just a practice but a way of life – a journey into the essence of one's being, fostering personal growth and facilitating profound connections with the self and others.

Karin's Journey

Karin Person's Esoteric Soul Healing Intensive Practitioner Training. For Karin, Soul Healing is not just a skill to be mastered, but a sacred odyssey that mirrors her life's purpose. Drawing from her own experiences and spiritual evolution, Karin sees Soul Healing as a transformative practice that aligns individuals with their true selves. It's a path of self-discovery and connection within the invisible realms.

Stepping into the legacy of the teachings of Kathy Jones, Karin's journey is a testament to the belief that Soul Healing is not merely a technique but a way of life – an ever-unfolding exploration of the soul's energy and its manifestation in the world. As she guides others through this intensive training, Karin shares not just knowledge but the wisdom gained from her own soul's profound journey towards healing, consciousness, and purpose.

For more details and to reserve your spot, visit www.goddesstempleteachings.co.uk/soulhealing/

Photo (R) Karin Person

## Remembering the Great Mother: An Exploration of Her Sacred Sites

Visiting sacred sites is one of my greatest passions and I have been doing it since I was young. A lot of my childhood memories are spent visiting ancient Neolithic sites in England, Wales and France. As I have gotten older visiting these sites has been part of my soul's journey and I have been guided to many places in England, Greece, Egypt, India, Cambodia and Australia.

Sacred sites are places of power and potency and activate something within us all. For me It is a deep remembering of other times when the Great Mother Goddess was honoured and celebrated. She who is the source of all creation – the air, the fire, the water, and the earth we walk upon. We know that the Great Mother was worshipped for thousands of years throughout the world, through the remains of beautiful Goddess statues, carvings, pottery and jewellery we have found. In ancient times our ancestors were devoted to Goddess and they built many earth temples, wood and stone monuments to honour Her. Life was a sacred journey and these temples and spaces were powerful ceremonial places where they could feel her presence.

This Spring Equinox I am offering a four-part exploration where we will visit Stone Circles, Long Barrows, Henges, Burial Mounds, Standing Stones and Sacred Waters. We will walk the pathways of our ancestors, connecting to their energies and to the Great Mother. This aims to be a deep journey of remembering and connecting to our ancient selves. It will be a space where we can open the portal to other timelines, bringing in visions and inspiration for our lives and purpose.

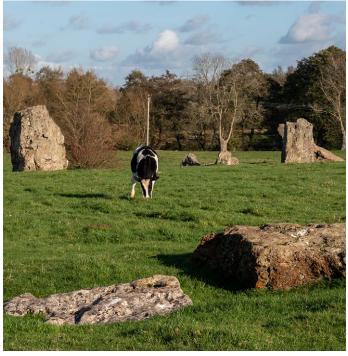
#### Dates

- Spring Equinox Saturday, 16 and Sunday, 17 March 2024
   Stoney Littleton and Stanton Drew Pilgrimage
- Beltane Saturday, 11 and Sunday, 12 May 2024 Stonehenge Pilgrimage
- Solstice Saturday, 22 and Sunday, 23 June 2024 Dartmoor Pilgrimage
- Lammas Saturday, 10 and Sunday, 11 August 2024 Avebury Pilgrimage

Top Photo, Iona with Drum, Dartmoor Bottom, Photo, Stanton Drew Neolithic Stone Circle

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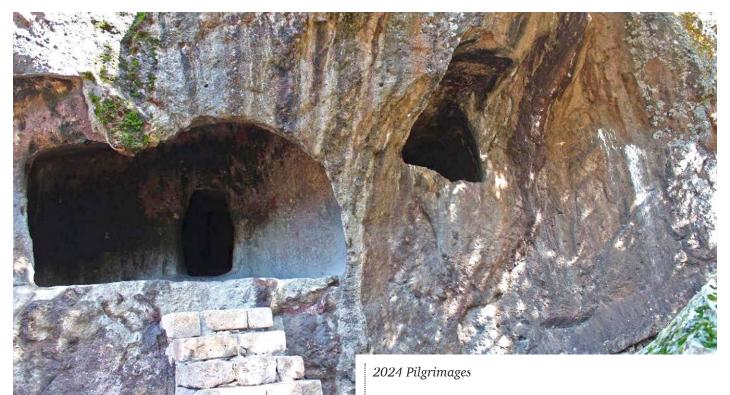




#### Our Vision

- Our vision is to celebrate and openly worship the Great Goddess in all of Her many manifesting forms and throughout the cycles of the seasons of Her nature.
- Our vision is to carry Her message of love, peace and acceptance out into the world as Her Priestesses and Priests, and to offer Her Path of Mystery to all those who want to find and know Her.
- Our vision is to create and maintain a permanent contemporary Goddess Temple here in Glastonbury, within the boundaries of the Sacred Isle of Avalon. Our Temple is dedicated to the Lady of Avalon, who is Goddess here in this land.
- The Goddess Temple is a sacred space open to all, which is especially set aside for the exploration and celebration of Goddess. It is a holy place where we can worship and honour Her in ways that are old and new and where all our love for Her is welcome.
- Glastonbury Goddess Temple welcomes all Goddess-loving people, regardless of gender, ethnicity, race and culture. We recognise
  each individual as a Soul incarnate upon Her beautiful Planet Earth.

## Goddess Temple Pilgrimages



Goddess Temple Pilgrimages had a fantastic first year taking many groups and individuals to ancient sites in England. We have also shown lots of people around the sacred isle of Avalon, as well as many to Stonehenge, Avebury and Greece.

#### What are Goddess Pilgrimages?

Goddess pilgrimages are journeys of the soul, bringing us in deeper connection with ourselves and Goddess. Journeying intentionally to these sacred places brings healing into our hearts. They can awaken our soul, and help us to remember who we are, and who we once were before.

People embark on pilgrimages for many reasons... maybe you are in need of deep healing and nourishment... maybe you are at a time of transition, where you are at a crossroads and unsure which path to take... maybe Goddess is asking you to change your life and step into your power... or maybe you hear the call of the ancient Priestess, beckoning you to their lands to remember who you were....

If you feel the call, join us!

- Sardinia Pilgrimage with Sarah Perini and Sonia Desiderio: Wednesday, 17 Monday, 22 April 2024.
  This pilgrimage takes us to the beautiful Italian island of Sardinia. This is a journey of discovery into the powerful archaeological sites that are there.
- Delphi Pilgrimage with Iona Jones and Kyah May: Thursday, 16 – Tuesday, 22 May 2024.
- Egypt Pilgrimage 2025!
- · Day Pilgrimages in Glastonbury, Avebury and Stonehenge

Walk in the footstep of our ancestors... connecting to the stones, the land and the Goddess in the landscape. These trips can be one day, two day or more!

To find out about our pilgrimages visit www.goddesstemplepilgrimages.co.uk

Iona Jones, Priestess of Avalon

Photo, Sardinia

### 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
- · Live streamed Virtual Full Moon 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.

Find out more about becoming a Goddess Temple Madron by visiting: www.goddesstemple.co.uk/join-the-virtual-temple

## Treat yourself to a spring cleanse!

#### Mini-retreat, combining traditional Tibetan herbal footsoak with lymph drainage

The deep detox will leave you feeling rejuvenated and re-energised, ready to fully blossom in the sunshine

#### **Programme**

Opening meditation and affirmation

Medicinal Herbal Footsoak &
foot massage, 1 hr
Lymphatic Massage, 1hr
Cleansing herbal teas, Integration
and Aftercare



#### Where and When

Saturday 10th February 10-1pm or 2-5pm

Goddess House 28 Magdalene St, Glastonbury



#### **Booking essential**

2 spaces available per retreat Enquiries: goddesshousehealing@gmail.com or call 01458 899 043





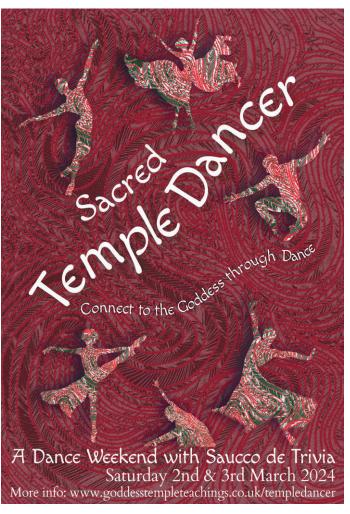
# The Art of Creating Sacred Sound:

Sound Healer Training With Charlie Merton

An immersive 8-month programme to delve into the world of sound healing.



Begins 10th May 2024



## Imbolc to Beltane Astrology



And so, the wheel turns to Imbolc, the season of awakening Star Fire! As we move through February, all planets are moving direct, giving us the perfect opportunity to set our dreams for 2024 into motion. An electrifying Aquarius New Moon on the 9th of February signifies the beginning of the Chinese Year of the Wood Dragon. Mid way through the month, and both Mars and Venus also enter the sign of Cosmic Mother and meet with Plutonia, the Dark Goddess. This is a time of breaking out of the comfort zones and meeting edges as we continue to weave the future into being.

Sol enters Pisces on the 19th of February bringing a period of rest and release. The Virgo Full Moon, the last of the winter season illuminates the skies on the 24th of February. This Lunation invites deep soul cleansing and purification as we approach the Equinox. Virgo asks, to what are you devoted? What needs to be reorganised or restructured in order for you to create space for the sacred? The New Moon on the 10th of March sits in between Saturnia and Neptunia in Pisces, highlighting their ongoing lessons of surrender and dissolution of the old structures that no longer serve.

As we move through the Ostara Gateway of rebirth on the 21st of March, we also enter the first Eclipse season of 2024 with a Lunar Eclipse at 4 degrees of Libra on the 25th. Lady Venus is the Ruler of this Eclipse, sitting in the sign of Pisces in conjunction with Saturnia alongside Mars and Neptunia indicating that this Eclipse season will be inviting us to define our boundaries and let go of self-sacrificing behaviours so that we can truly embrace the fire of the Aries North Node, which is calling us to attune to our desires and put ourselves first.

In the midst of the Eclipse season Mercuria stations retrograde again on the 1st of April at 27 degrees of Aries. She will conjoin with the North Node, Chiron and Venus during Her descent into underworld, highlighting themes of self-love and self-empowerment.

Eclipse Season reaches culmination with a New Moon Solar Eclipse at 19 degrees Aries on the 8th of April, also sitting in close conjunction with Chiron, who has been travelling alongside the North Node since February. This Lunation reminds us that rebirthing ourselves is a painful process, that often involves looking deeply at where we have given our power away. The Aries Goddess demands movement and action. We can no longer play the victim, sitting passively on the side lines of our own life.

On the 21st of April we have the most potent conjunction of the year as Urania, The Star Goddess and Jupitera, Bringer of Abundance conjoin at 21 degrees of Taurus for the first time since the 1940s. This energy can be likened to the wheel of fortune in Tarot, bringing unexpected, yet liberating shifts into our lives. These changes feel shocking or disruptive, yet ultimately shake us out of comfort zones and open us to new opportunities and possibilities. Taurus rules over our values and resources, indicating that these areas of life will need to be radically realigned. This is a time for breaking free of limited thinking and scarcity consciousness as we receive downloads and insights that lead us to new, innovative ways of creating wealth that serve our communities.

Mercuria stations direct on the 25th of April, as Mars enters Her home sign of Aries on the 30th allowing us to begin to move forward again as the Beltane fires burn bright.

Maria Jones, Priestess of Avalon, Priestess Astrologer

To become a Priestess/Priest of the Stars is to stare into the starry black obsidian void unafraid of transformation. Are you ready? Join Maria Jones today!

www.goddesstempleteachings.co.uk/silverspiral/

