

AstroUpdate – December 2025

Welcome to the Stella Starwoman December AstroUpdate and a special welcome to all new subscribers.

Hope you have a great festive season and see you in the New Year! I'll be taking a break in January, so the next newsletter will be with you in early February.

Mercury Direct – Moving Forward

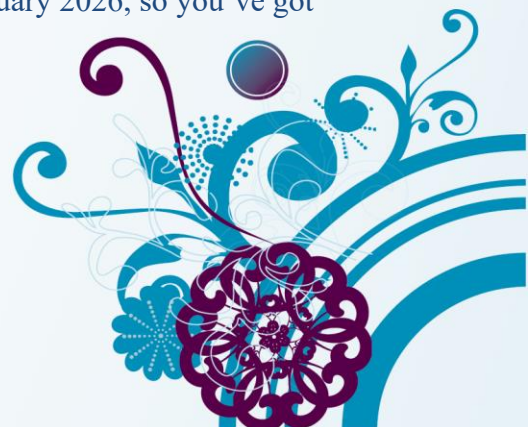


Communication planet Mercury has been travelling backwards through fiery Sagittarius and passionate Scorpio since 10th November, pushing us to deal with unfinished business, delivering home truths and alerting us to hunches and gut feelings.

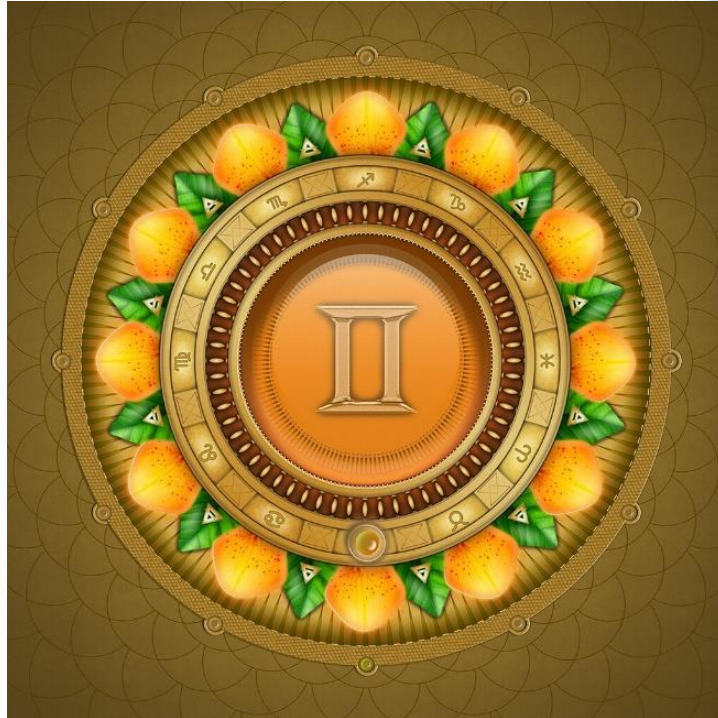
When Mercury is retrograde, our unconscious and intuitive sides are extremely active and the best laid plans are often disrupted as events take on a life of their own. If things don't feel right, trust your instincts and stop rationalising.

On the final day of November, Mercury came to a halt and started moving forwards again, helping us make sense of the events of the past three weeks. You never know... that lost parcel might still turn up!

The next Mercury retrograde period begins at the end of February 2026, so you've got a good three months to get things moving before it's time for another 'slow down, reflect and aha' period.



Gemini Full Moon – Have Some Fun!



The December full moon lights up the skies on the 5th December in air sign Gemini, opposing the sun in exuberant fire sign Sagittarius.

Relationship planets Venus and Mars are also in Sagittarius, sign of adventure, travel and risk-taking, so you may feel like cutting loose, being irresponsible or simply having fun. Today is not a day for serious pursuits, so don't even try. Get out and enjoy yourself and indulge that inner child.

A grand water trine between Mercury, Jupiter and Saturn makes this full moon a good time for brainstorming and problem solving.

Mercury = communication and thought

Jupiter = optimism and possibility

Saturn = practicality and realism

Let go of grudges and find the middle ground – life is short!



Geminid Meteor Shower – 4th - 20th December 2025



The 2025 Geminid Meteor Shower will be active from 4th-20th December, peaking on the nights of 13th-14th December when a waning crescent moon will provide darker skies for viewing.

Geminids are debris from the asteroid 3200 Phaethon, making them one of the few major meteor showers not originating from a comet. As the Earth passes through the stream of rocky debris each year, particles burn up in the atmosphere, creating the streaks of light we see as meteors.

Viewing the Meteor Shower

For best results, pick a location as far away as possible from the city lights - rural and desert areas, national parks or even a backyard with a clear view of the sky are best. The meteors will be visible all night long, but most numerous between midnight and dawn. No need for a telescope or binoculars. Just find a comfortable spot to lie down and look up, with your eyes scanning the sky in all directions. While meteors appear all over the sky, start by looking northeast then north, about 45 degrees above the horizon. Be patient as meteors can appear in unpredictable bursts. In ideal conditions there can be up to 150 meteors per hour.

This stunning time lapse photo of a Geminid Meteor Shower was taken by Martin Stringer in Ararat, Australia in 2018. Marty is a friend, AstroUpdate subscriber and passionate environmentalist - you can check out his work at

<https://www.facebook.com/MartinStringerPhotography>



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Venus & Mars in Sagittarius & Capricorn



From Christmas Day until the 17th January, relationship planets Venus and Mars will both be in practical earth sign Capricorn. The cosmic lovers tie the knot on 8th January at 18-19° Capricorn, forming an exact conjunction with the Sun.

But in the first half of December, Venus and Mars are both in fire sign Sagittarius, a more light-hearted and irrepressible energy.

Capricorn shuns Sagittarian frivolity and fun, preferring something more solid and long lasting. Nothing wrong with that - but we need both these energies. Too much Sagittarius can wear thin. But too much Capricorn is frankly boring and dull.

As the year draws to a close, choose the best of both worlds in your own life and relationships - fun, learning, adventure and optimism (Sagittarius) coupled with loyalty, maturity, stability and commitment (Capricorn).



New Moon in Sagittarius – Optimism & Dedication



New moons are about new beginnings and at this time of year, we reflect on the year just ending and the year to come.

The December new moon falls on the 20th in fire sign Sagittarius with Sun and Moon conjunct Venus and all three planets square Saturn/Neptune in late Pisces.

Sagittarius is an optimistic, adventurous and outgoing energy, keen to try new things and push boundaries. But at this new moon, all that exuberance is reined in by Saturn and softened or clouded by Neptune.

At best this new moon will help us reflect on how we can bring our dreams and goals to fruition in the new year through imagination, planning and hard work, rather than through simple optimism and faith. At worst we may feel a sense of futility or frustration. What's the point in dreaming? Life is hard, money is tight, there's not enough time, we're not getting any younger etc.

But we all tread the path in life from birth to death – what happens in between is not always under our control, but much of it is. Take courage from this new moon to embrace your personal dreams in 2026, but know you will need to put the work in if you want them to come true. ✨



Summer Solstice – The Longest Day



This year our Australian summer solstice falls on the 22nd December as the sun moves from Sagittarius to Capricorn - a time to relish the fullness of life and raise our energy to create abundance and manifest dreams.

For thousands of years, people all over the world have celebrated the summer solstice, also known as Midsummer Day, Litha or St. John's Day. Many ancient monuments were built in alignment with the summer solstice sun, such as Mexico's Chichen Itza pyramid, the Hagar Qim Temple in Malta and Stonehenge in the UK.

Sol + stice derives from two Latin words meaning "sun" + "to stand still". As the days grow longer, the sun rises higher in the sky until it seems to stand still for three days, marking the longest day and shortest night of the year.

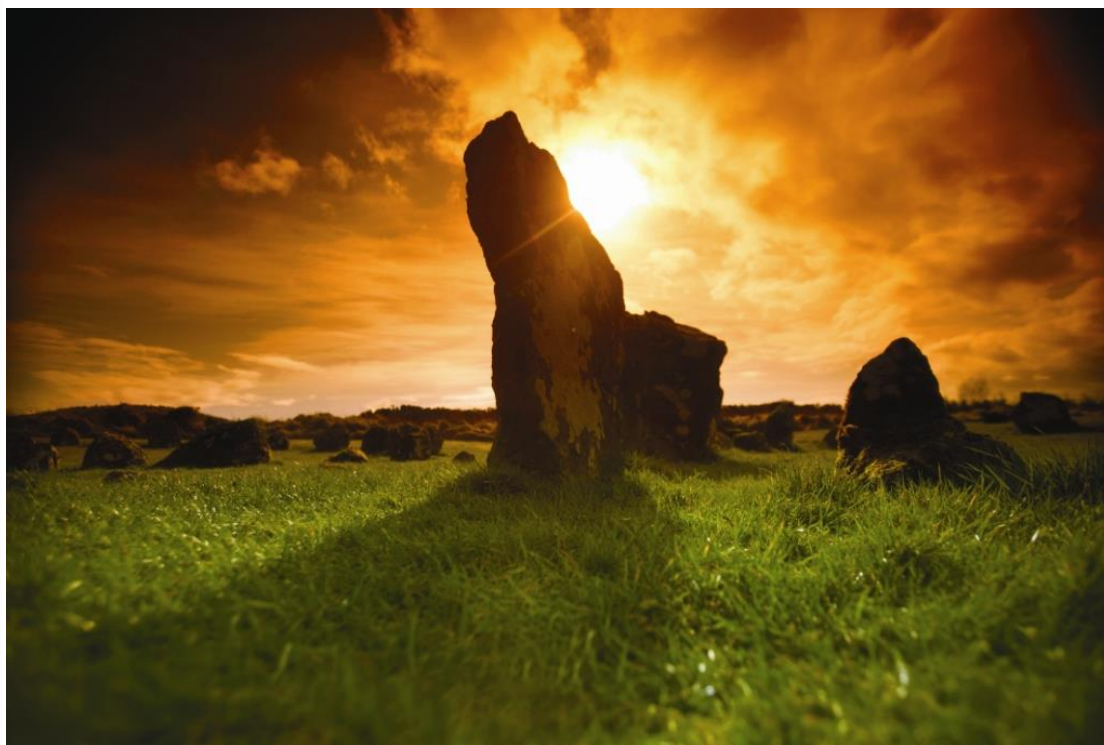
In the Northern Hemisphere, 22nd December is the shortest day of the year and longest night – their Winter Solstice, closely tied in with traditional Christmas celebrations and the rebirth of the Sun (or Son).



Here are some ideas for celebrating midsummer with a focus on life, lightness, brightness, fertility, joy and the power of nature!

Seven summer solstice celebrations

- 1) Host a bonfire party with dancing, music, singing and drumming. Throw fresh herbs into the fire and make your wishes for the future.
- 2) Rise early and meditate as you watch the sun rise. Drink a toast to the sun.
- 3) Visit a farmer's market and fill your basket with summer produce.
- 4) Light some brightly coloured candles and create your own altar surrounded by luscious summer fruits and flowers. Meditate on all you have to be grateful for at this special time of year.
- 5) Head to the beach, lake or river with friends to swim and celebrate the great outdoors on the longest day of the year.
- 6) Pick fresh flowers, place in a jar of water then cover and leave in the sun to make a magical potion.
- 7) Host a midsummer picnic or BBQ. Create a large wreath with flowers, twigs and moss. Take some strips of paper and get your friends and family to write out their wishes and blessings, then tie them to the wreath.



Summer Solstice - Northern Ireland



The Magic of Tarot – Nine Pentacles



Some of you may know that as well as being an astrologer, I'm also a tarot reader. The two disciplines work well together – astrology is more left brain and tarot more right brain. Astrology is based on the symbolic movement of planets through the zodiac, whereas tarot is great for uncovering what's going on right now – bypassing the logical mind and revealing hidden motivations and information.

Tarot can teach you about yourself; help solve problems; inspire you to make the most of your day; unpack what's going on in your relationship, and if you have a tricky choice to make, shed light on the real issues involved. But first you have to learn the meanings of the 78 cards, which can be overwhelming.

Nine Pentacles – Rider Waite Deck

The card shows a middle-aged woman beautifully dressed in a long golden robe with red flowers and a red headdress. She stands in a vineyard with fat bunches of grapes hanging from the lush vines. In the background are rolling mountains, trees and what looks like a small castle. On her left hand is a trained falcon, suggesting a refined person, perhaps of noble birth. Her right hand rests gently on one of nine golden coins or pentacles, representing her personal harvest, achieved by acting in accordance with the laws of nature.

Pentacles in the tarot relate to wealth and possessions. The Nine of Pentacles is a card of material abundance, achieved through consistent, ethical and patient hard work.

Some key concepts for the Nine Pentacles are:

- Effort and discipline rewarded
- Financial stability and abundance
- Enjoying the fruits of one's labour
- The pride and joy of resilience and self-sufficiency
- Gratitude and refinement.

Here are my Nine Pentacles interpretations for the three most common tarot questions/situations - work, love and health.

1) WORK/MONEY

The Nine Pentacles represents the person who has it all and has thoroughly deserved it. Years of hard work, dedication and persistence have created a wonderful harvest. If this is you, pat yourself on the back. Success doesn't come easy. If you're just beginning your journey towards financial or professional success, know there are no real shortcuts.

2) LOVE/RELATIONSHIP

Your relationship is blessed. You have put in the love, hard work and consistent effort to create something truly beautiful and long lasting. If you're on your own or looking for love, know that patience and persistence will pay off. You deserve a great partner.

3) HEALTH/WELLBEING

Health and wellbeing are yours. You know that the best things in life require effort and hard work and are prepared to create a life of happiness and fulfilment, by focussing on small consistent steps to better health. No shortcuts here.

If you have a set of tarot cards, pull out the Nine Pentacles, take a good look at the image and think about what it might mean for you right now.

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Lunar Planning + Hair Cutting, Waxing, Body Care

Launch projects the week after the New Moon, bring them to completion in the period from just before the Full Moon to the Waning Quarter phase and wind them down and reflect on developments in the week before the next New Moon. The period between the New Moon and the Full Moon is the waxing moon (moon getting bigger and fuller). The period between the Full Moon and the New Moon is the waning moon (moon getting smaller and thinner).

Use my moon chart to select the BEST DAYS to slow or increase hair regrowth. I've marked the best dates for waxing/shaving in yellow and the best dates to cut hair for thicker, lusher growth in green. Consider purchasing a moon calendar or diary to find out exactly what time of day the moon changes from one zodiac sign to the next and fine-tune your activities with confidence. <https://www.timeanddate.com/moon/phases/australia/melbourne>

DECEMBER MOON CALENDAR

Date	Sign	Element	Moon phase
1 st -2 nd	Aries	Fire	
2 nd -4 th	Taurus	Earth	
4 th -6 th	Gemini	Air	Full Moon in Gemini (5 th December)
6 th -8 th	Cancer	Water	
8 th -10 th	Leo	Fire	
10 th -13 th	Virgo	Earth	Third Quarter Moon in Virgo (12 th Dec)
13 th -15 th	Libra	Air	
15 th -18 th	Scorpio	Water	
18 th -20 th	Sagittarius	Fire	New Moon in Sagittarius (20 th December)
20 th -23 rd	Capricorn	Earth	
23 rd -25 th	Aquarius	Air	
25 th -27 th	Pisces	Water	
27 th -29 th	Aries	Fire	First Quarter Moon in Aries (28 th Dec)
29 th Dec-1 st Jan	Taurus	Earth	



JANUARY MOON CALENDAR

Date	Sign	Element	Moon phase
1 st	Taurus	Earth	
1 st -3 rd	Gemini	Air	
3 rd -5 th	Cancer	Water	Full Moon in Cancer (3 rd January)
5 th -7 th	Leo	Fire	
7 th -9 th	Virgo	Earth	
9 th -11 th	Libra	Air	Third Quarter Moon in Libra (11 th January)
11 th -14 th	Scorpio	Water	
14 th - 16 th	Sagittarius	Fire	
16 th -19 th	Capricorn	Earth	New Moon in Capricorn (19 th January)
19 th -21 st	Aquarius	Air	
21 st -24 th	Pisces	Water	
24 th -26 th	Aries	Fire	
26 th -28 th	Taurus	Earth	First Quarter Moon in Taurus (26 th Jan)
28 th -30 th	Gemini	Air	
30 th Jan – 1 st Feb	Cancer	Water	

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