

# SHIRE CALENDAR

a.d. 2021 (S.R. 1498, 77 f.a.)

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„DANCING LUTHIEN” BY TOM LOBACK

## Introduction

We present our Shire Calendar for the *Anno Domini* 2021, which is 1498 in the Shire Reckoning (S.R.), and 77 of the Fourth Age. In this calendar the Gregorian dates are translated into the dates of the Shire Reckoning according to the [Reform of Our Calendar](#) (read about it on *Elendilion*) which is based upon Tolkien's calculations published in Ch. Scull's and W. G. Hammond's *A Reader's Companion* (note that our 25 December is the equivalent of the 2nd Yule or New Year's Day as it was in the Catholic reckoning in mediaeval England). Our calendar's order is borrowed from the publication of Steve Pillinger from 1981 to 1982 about which you can read on Tolkien Gateway.

Let us also remember that in *The Lord of the Rings* **spring** consists of *February, March* and *April*, **summer** of *May, June* and *July*, **autumn** of *August, September* and *October*, and **winter** consists of *November, December* and *January*. So *mid-June* is more or less *Midsummer* and *mid-December* is more or less *Midwinter*. If so, we propose what follows: **25 January** = the *Erukyermë* ('at the beginning of each spring'), **25 June** = the *Erulaitalë* ('in the middle of summer'), **24 October** = the *Eruhantalë* ('at the end of each autumn'). Other special holidays from Middle-earth are: **20 March** (= 25 *Rethe* = *New Year's Day* in the Reunited Kingdom), **31 March** (= 6 *Astron* = *Yestarë* or *New Year's Day* in the Imladris Calendar of the Elves), **16 September** (= 22 *Halimath*, Bilbo and Frodo's birthday) and 26 October (= 2 *Blotmath*, the Day of the Horn of the Mark, a Buckland holiday). The six seasons or *astar* in the Calendar of Imladris are: *Yestarë* ('New Year's Day', **31 March**), *Tuilë* ('spring', **1 April** to **24 May**), *Lairë* ('summer', **25 May** to **4 August**), *Yávië* ('autumn', **5 August** to **27 September**), *Enderi* ('middle-days', **28-30 September**) *Quellë* ('fading', **1 October** to **23 November**), *Hrívë* ('winter', **24 November** to **3 February**), *Coirë* ('stirring', **4 February** to **29 March**), *Yestare* ('the last day', **30 March**). These holidays are printed in **green** and they have an asterisk in our calendar.

In 2021, let us also remember about the Tolkienist anniversaries like **3 January** (on this day J. R. R. Tolkien was born in 1892), **22 March** (Ronald and Edith's wedding in 1916), **25 March** (*Tolkien Reading Day*), **16 May** (*Saint Brendan's Day*, the holiday of our *Fraternitas Sancti Brendani* or our Christian Brotherhood of Elendilion), **2 September** (when Professor J. R. R. Tolkien died in 1973), **8 December** (when our Elendili community was founded in 2003), and **27 December** (the day of St. John Evangelist, the patron saint of J. R. R. Tolkien). These anniversaries are printed in **blue**.

The Calendar with three illustrations presenting Tom Loback's art from Middle-earth can be downloaded in the PDF format. My great thanks to Susan Ryan, Tom Loback's wife, for her permission to publish her late husband's artwork in our calendar.

Note the use of the Elvish letters and numerals (in the decimal system) according to the Tengwar mode for Westron (English). The key for the numbers can be found below.

### KEY TO NUMBERS:

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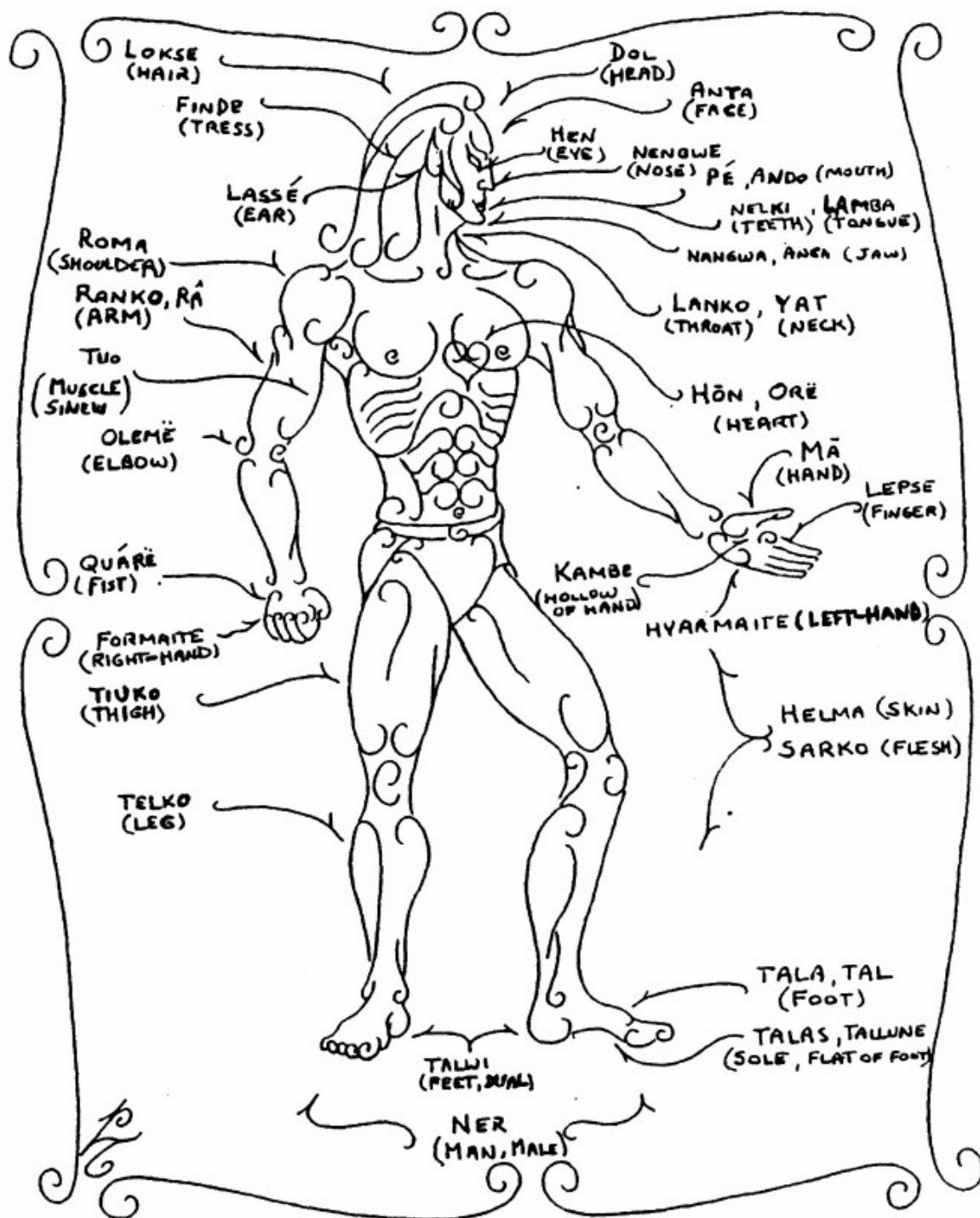
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Midyear's Day ጥቅም 25 JUNE (= ERULAITALE)

TUE.



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