

## MOVEABLE FEASTS SAWS (HOLY DAYS) 2014

These are saying/saws coming through many centuries concerning Christian feasts and their effect upon future dates and days. Most are reliable and I always use them.

The dates shown are indicative – it is necessary to change the dates annually, since all these feasts are moveable. Again the internet is reliable; it is as good as any good reference book and diary.

Shrove Tuesday 4th March	So much the sun shineth on Pancake Tuesday, like will shine every day in Lent, Thunder on Shrove Tuesday indicates fertility, wind and store of fruit and plenty.
Ash Wednesday 5th March	Where-ever the wind lies on Ash Wednesday, it continues through all Lent. As Ash Wednesday, so the fasting time; Dry Lent = fertile year.
Palm Sunday 13th April	If the weather is not clear Palm Sunday it means a bad year.
Maundy Thursday 17th April	Fine on Holy Thursday, wet on Whit Monday.
Good Friday 18th April	rain on Good Friday foreshadows a fruitful year. A wet Good Friday and a wet Easter Day makes plenty of grass and little hay.
Easter Day 20th April	late Easter = long cold spring. If the sun shines on Easter Day, it shines at Whitsun (Pentecost) likewise. Past Easter frost = fruit not lost.
Low Sunday 27th April	This Sunday settles the weather for the whole summer ( <i>problematic</i> ).
Pastor Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	If it rains on Pastor Sunday, it will rain every Sunday until Pentecost (14 <sup>th</sup> April).
Ascension Day 29 <sup>th</sup> May	As the weather this day so the weather for the autumn.
Whitsuntide (Pentecost) 8th June	Whitsunday rain blessing for wine. Rain at Whitsuntide is said to make the wheat mildew. Strawberries at Whitsun indicate good wine. Whitsun bright and clear gives a good year. If Whitsuntide bring rain, we may expect a plague, rain at Pentecost forebodes evil. Whitsun wet = Christmas fat.
Whit Monday 9th June	Fine on Holy Thursday (Maundy Thursday) wet on Whit Monday.
Corpus Christi 19th June	Corpus Christi clear gives a good year; if it rain on Corpus Christi day, the granary will be light.