



*James Webb Space Telescope*

*Credit: NASA, ESA and Canadian Space Agency (CSA)*

## What to look out for in the night sky

### 2 March - New Moon

**18 March - Full Moon** This is sometimes called the Worm Moon as this is the time of year when the ground softens and the earthworms will reappear. It has also been known as the Crow Moon, Crust Moon, Sap Moon or Lenten Moon.

**20 March - March Equinox** There will be equal amounts of day and night throughout the world. This is the first day of spring (vernal equinox) in our Hemisphere.

**20 March - Venus at Greatest Elongation West** Venus will shine brightly as the “Morning Star”, being at its furthest distance from the Sun.

### 1 April - New Moon

**4/5 April - Earthshine Night** The waxing and waning crescent Moon in April and May allows Earthshine to be seen, where the unlit part of the Moon becomes visible. This is also known as the Da Vinci Glow.

**16 April - Full Moon** This is known as the Pink Moon, not for its colour but because it heralds the appearance of wild ground phlox, one of the first spring flowers. It has also been known as the Sprouting Grass Moon, Growing Moon or Egg Moon.

**22/23 April - Lyrids Meteor Shower (peak)** The Lyrids is an average shower, producing about 20 meteors per hour at its peak. The shower runs from 16-25 April. The meteors can produce bright dust trails which last for several seconds. Best viewing will be from a dark location after midnight and meteors can appear anywhere in the sky.

**26/27 April - Earthshine Nights** The unlit part of the Moon becomes visible, as for 4/5 April.

**29 April - Mercury at Greatest Eastern Elongation** Mercury will be impressive in the evening, setting approximately two hours after the Sun at the end of April, appearing near to the Pleiades open cluster.

**30 April - New Moon (Black Moon)** The second New Moon in a calendar month is known as a Black Moon.

## Meetings

Meetings are held in **The Lounge, Geddington Village Hall, Queen Street, Geddington NN14 1AZ**, unless stated otherwise.

Please visit [www.naastronomy.com](http://www.naastronomy.com) to check final meeting information.

**Tuesday 1 March** 7.30pm for 7.45pm **Annual General Meeting**

**Tuesday 15 March** 7.30pm for 7.45pm Club member presentations

**Tuesday 5 April** 7.30pm for 7.45pm Visiting Speaker, Jerry Workman

**Tuesday 12 April** 7.30pm Committee meeting at The Piper

**Meetings with guest speakers: £3 (£4 for non-members)**

**General meetings: £2 (£3 for non-members)**

**Full membership: £30 (Concessions £19)**



*NASA's Curiosity Rover used its navigation cameras to capture a panoramic view of Mars*

*Credit: NASA/JPL-Caltech*

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## Useful websites

<https://www.space.com>

<https://www.nasa.gov/>

<https://astronomynow.com/uk-sky-chart/>

<https://www.skyatnightmagazine.com/advice/skills/astronomy-guide-viewing-planets-night-sky/>

<http://www.seasky.org/astronomy/astronomy-calendar-2021.html>

**Spot the International Space Station:**

[https://spotthestation.nasa.gov/sightings/view.cfm?country=United\\_Kingdom&region=England&city=Ketterin#g#.Xx113ihKhPY](https://spotthestation.nasa.gov/sightings/view.cfm?country=United_Kingdom&region=England&city=Ketterin#g#.Xx113ihKhPY)

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