

St Mark's Word of the Week



draíocht

From what language does this word come?

How would you pronounce it?



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Irish

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Definition

draíocht (adjective)

- magic

Examples:

- Scéal faoi bhuachaill draíochta é Harry Potter.
“Harry Potter is a story about a magic boy.”
- Bhí draíocht san aer.
“There was magic in the air”
- Ní réadaítear aisling trí dhraíocht.
“A dream doesn't become reality through magic.”



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Can you think of any words/phrases in english synonymous with draíocht?

- Supernatural
- Enchantment
- Druidic
- Sorcerous
- Charm
- Witchcraft



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Where does the word come from? What is its etymology?

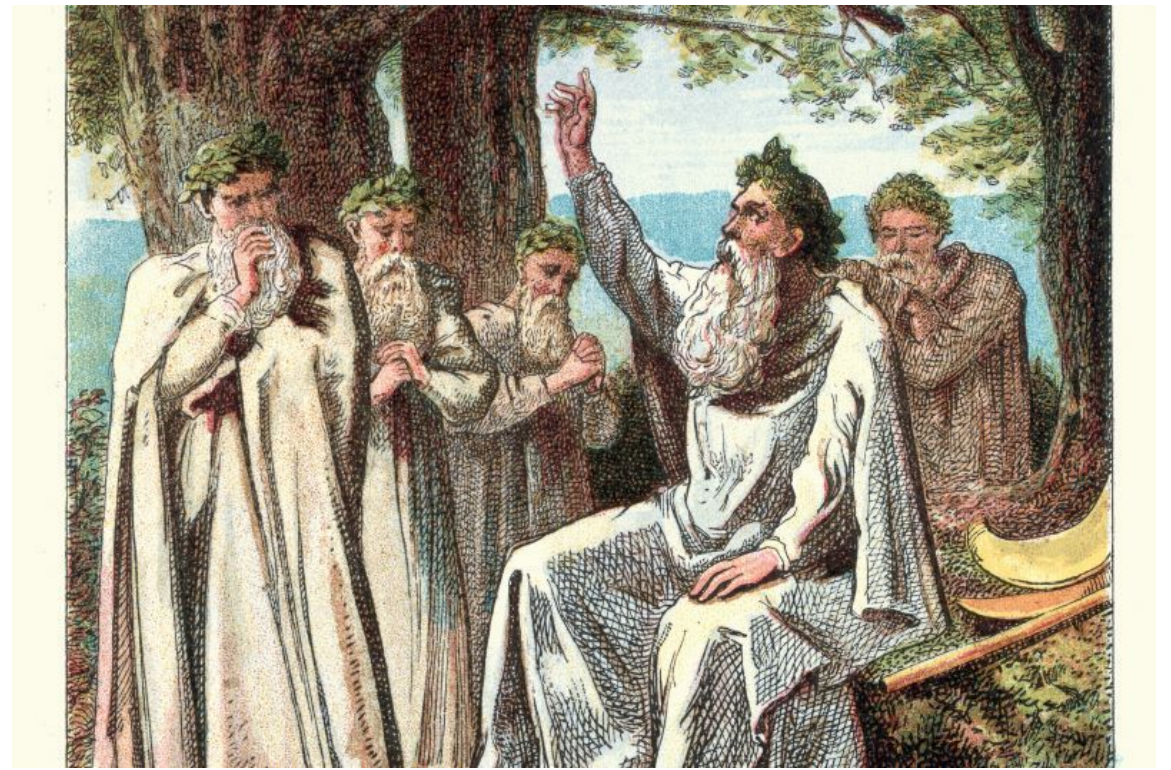


But what is a druid?



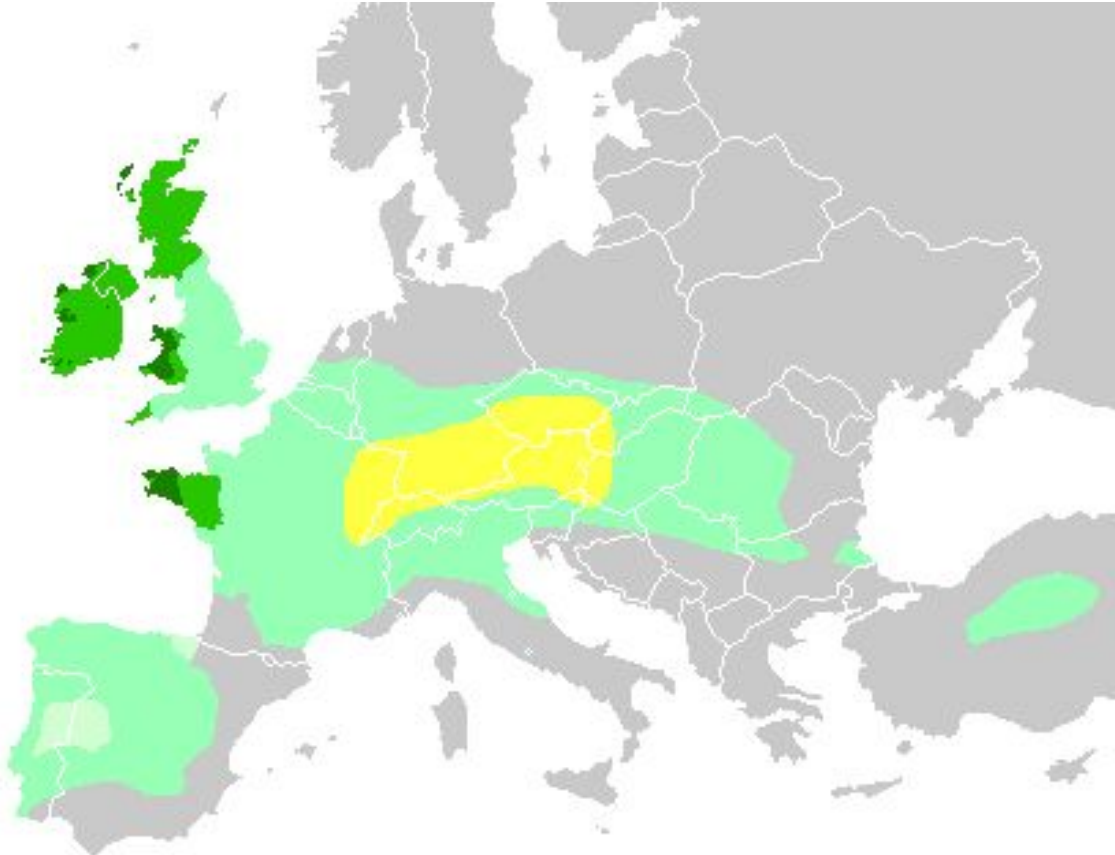
A druid was a high ranking class in ancient Celtic cultures.

Celtic refers to a group of people called the Celts who have lived throughout Europe at various points in time



Druids were:

- religious leaders
- legal authorities
- lorekeepers
- medical professionals
- political advisors.



Still today, some people consider themselves druids.

Around 10,000 people in the UK are part of the spiritual and religious movement of druidism.

These two pictures show druids celebrating two of their most important events in the year



The Winter Solstice

The Summer Solstice

What are the winter solstice and summer solstice?

The Shortest Day of the Year
21st or 22nd of December

The Longest Day of the Year
20th or 21st of June

At St. Mark's, there are 56 different languages spoken by the staff and students.

Irish is just one of the languages.

If you want to suggest a word from a language you speak, contact Mr Crone on gmail.