

Newsletter 44 - Written in the Season of Covid 19 Sunday January 17 2021

Dear Readers throughout the world,

This newsletter comes with the best wishes of the ministers who are named below. Please know, that through their prayers, you, your families and your friends are held in God's love which is poured into the lives of all people in the world. In these strange times, we must all do what we can to keep each other safe and to co-operate with those who are working so hard to keep us healthy and provide for our needs. **TAKE CARE, BE SAFE AND KNOW THAT YOU ARE NOT FORGOTTEN**

With the assurance of love and prayers as 2021 becomes a reality.

The Rev'd Carole Holmes, Methodist Superintendent of Hayle, Camborne & Redruth,
The Rev'd Caspar Bush,
Rector of Redruth & Area Dean,
Pastor Jenny Lockwood, Lanner Methodist Chapel,
Jim Seth, Chaplain to Truro Readers

THE GOSPEL SET FOR TODAY / THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY - John 1 vv43 – end



If there hadn't been a lockdown, today was to have been the Covenant Service in the Four Lanes Methodist Chapel. Usually held on the FIRST Sunday of the new year, It is an opportunity for Methodists to renew their faith and commit themselves to social justice and discipleship.

In recent years, the service has been shared by both Four Lanes Anglicans and Methodists under their united banner of FLAPJACK (Four Lanes And Pencoys Join And Cheer the King). The Covenant Prayer will give you some idea of the commitment that the FLAPJACK community have signed up to:

A COVENANT PRAYER IN THE WESLEYAN TRADITION

***I am no longer my own, but yours.
Put me to what you will, place me with whom you will. ,
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.
Let me be put to work for you or set aside for you,
Praised for you, or criticised for you.
Let me be full, let me be empty.
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.
I freely and fully surrender all things to your glory and service.
And now, O wonderful and Holy God,
Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer,
You are mine and I am yours.
So be it.
And the covenant which I have made on earth,
Let it also be made in heaven. AMEN***

So, what has all that got to do with today's Gospel reading? In the reading, on being told that the Messiah had arrived and was from Nazareth, Nathaniel simply commented:

"Can anything good come out of Nazareth?"

At the time when Jesus lived and grew up, Nazareth was a small unimportant village with a population of about 500. It was a place where nothing happened and the people lived out a meagre existence. Yet, living in that village was Mary, who was to be the mother of Jesus, the mother of Emmanuel, *God with us*. Growing up in that village was the Messiah. Yet, as Nathaniel shows, nothing special happens there, nobody remarkable lives there.



Four Lanes is a small village, often foggy, sometimes snow-bound, yet with a caring, kind and generous community. You could drive through it on your way to Helston and not even notice. But from that community good has come through FLAPJACK; unity, understanding and hope for the future has been born.

So be ready, God's love will be seen in unexpected places and each one of us must be ready to recognise and accept that no-one, and nowhere is outside of God's love. All people,

and all places and communities can be the cradle of Emmanuel, *God with us*.

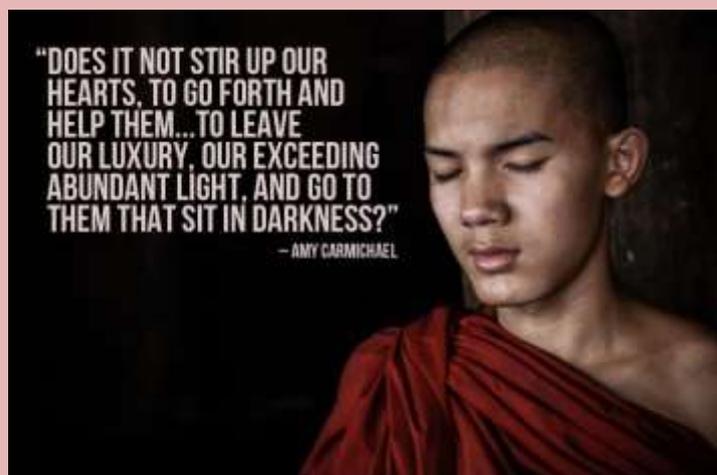
LIVES THAT ARE REMEMBERED THIS WEEK:

MONDAY JANUARY 18: Amy Carmichael Founder- 1951

Amy Beatrice Carmichael was born on December 16 in 1867. She was one of seven children, born to devout Presbyterians, to their home in County Down, Ireland. With her family, Amy founded the *Welcome Evangelical Church*. Amy ran the Sunday School which reached out to mill girls who wore shawls rather than hats and became known as *shawlies*.



In 1889, Amy felt a call to work with mill girls in Manchester. It was there that she heard of the need for missionaries to serve in India. She arrived in India via Ceylon (Sri Lanka) and ended up in Bangalore. It was here she did her most valuable work amongst women and girls. She founded the Dohnavur Fellowship which worked with over a thousand young people. They all referred to Amy as Amma (mother). She died in 1951 and a bird bath was put over her grave by children. It bears a single word, Amma.



TUESDAY JANUARY 19: Wulfstan**Bishop****1095**

Wulfstan was born around 1008 in Warwickshire, and his uncle, also called Wulfstan was Archbishop of York. Ordained in 1038, he then entered a Benedictine Monastery in Worcester. In 1062 he was consecrated Bishop of Worcester. As Bishop, Wulfstan tried to alleviate poverty and struggled to get the slave trade out of Bristol stopped. After the conquest in 1066, Wulfstan retained his diocese, due to King William noting his great pastoral care for the people. He led several building projects including Worcester and Hereford Cathedrals. A miracle attributed to him on the road to his beatification was the healing of King Harold's daughter. He died after a prolonged illness and an altar was dedicated to him at Great Malvern Abbey.

**WEDNESDAY JANUARY 20: Richard Rolle Writer 1349**

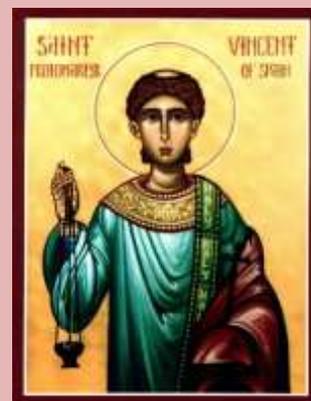
Richard Rolle was born in 1300 in Yorkshire and became a hermit, mystic and religious writer. Whilst at Oxford University he became interested in theology and Biblical studies. He left Oxford early and became a hermit and gradually experienced mystical moments. He found his way to the Sorbonne in Paris and is thought to have been ordained there. He returned to England and died at the Cistercian Convent in Hampole, Yorkshire.

**THURSDAY JANUARY 21: Agnes Child Martyr 304**

Agnes was just 12 when she died. She refused to be married, declaring she had given her life to Christ. Out of anger, her suitors declared her Christian faith and Agnes died in the persecution of the Emperor Diocletian. One particular suitor became blind through his taunting of Agnes, and she healed him with a prayer. On her feast day lambs are blessed at the church of St Agnes, Rome, and from their fleece 'pallia' (a vestment worn around the neck) are made and sent by the Pope to Archbishops as symbols of their authority.

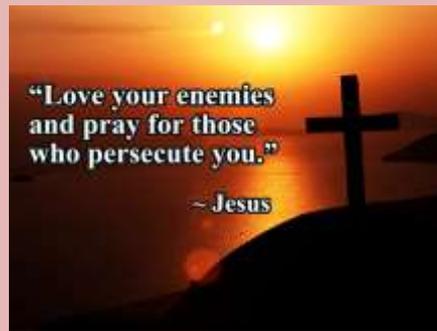
FRIDAY JANUARY 22: Vincent of Saragossa**First martyr of Spain 304**

Vincent was born near Saragossa, Spain. Following his education, he was ordained Deacon and authorised to preach locally. His Bishop, Valerius had a speech problem, and Vincent often spoke for him. When Emperor Diocletian began to persecute Christians in Spain, both Vincent and Valerius were imprisoned. Offered his release, on condition that he burnt the scriptures, Vincent refused and was martyred, but not before his jailer, overcome by Vincent's peace in the face of suffering, converted. His final resting place was guarded by ravens until his body was moved to Lisbon Cathedral. He is the patron saint of Deacons, brickmakers and sailors.



READINGS & PRAYERS FOR THE COMING WEEK

SUNDAY JANUARY 17



“Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you. This will make you children of your heavenly Father” Matthew 5 vv44 - 45

PRAYER: Forgiving God, your love for all people reached out from the cross. Guide and strengthen us, that we may share that same love. Give us the courage to forgive those whose words or deeds have wounded us, with or without their knowledge. Guide us towards the light that we may leave bitterness and resentment behind us.

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO FOR WHATEVER REASON OPPRESS AND PERSECUTE OTHERS. PRAY FOR GOVERNMENTS WHOSE POLICIES IGNORE HUMAN RIGHTS AND WHO IMPRISON THOSE WHOSE RACE, LIFESTYLES OR SOCIAL CLASS IS SEEN TO BE OUTSIDE OF SOCIETY.

MONDAY JANUARY 18: Amy Carmichael

Founder

1951



“You, O Lord, are light for my lamp; O my God, you make my darkness turn to light”

Psalm 18 vv29

PRAYER: Eternal God, light of the nations, we give thanks for the light that shines into the world through your unending love. We pray for the strength to remember that your love shines in the darkness, even when the darkness cannot understand it.

PRAY FOR ALL CARE HOMES, NURSING HOMES AND DAY CARE CENTRES, FOR THOSE WHOSE LIVES ARE BOUND UP WITH THEM, AND FOR THOSE WHO ARE NO LONGER ABLE TO VISIT THEIR LOVED ONES.

TUESDAY JANUARY 19: Wulfstan Bishop - 1095

“In everything, deal with others as you would like them to deal with you” Matthew 7 vv12

PRAYER: Gracious God, who reached out to others, even when society rejected them. Work through each one of us, that the lost may be found, the isolated be brought in, and the fearful may be given hope. We give thanks for the example of love and care which you poured into the world and which knew no limits.

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO WE DO NOT UNDERSTAND, FOR THOSE WHO WE CRITICISE OR CROSS THE ROAD TO AVOID. GIVE US THE COURAGE TO BUILD BRIDGES OF HOPE AND EXTEND THE HAND OF FRIENDSHIP WHENEVER WE CAN.

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 20: **Richard Rolle** **Writer 1349**

**“Let them thank the Lord for His steadfast love, for the wonders He does for His people”
Psalm 107 vv31**

PRAYER: Generous and faithful God, your love for the world is seen in every nation and in all places. Help us not to take this love for granted, and only for ourselves; support us on our journey that we may reflect that love wherever we are, and to all those who are part of our journey.

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO BRING LOVE AND CARE INTO THE LIVES OTHERS DAY BY DAY; FOR NHS WORKERS AS THEY HOLD THE HANDS OF THE STRUGGLING, FOR SUPERMARKET WORKERS ALWAYS READY WITH A SMILE, FOR ALL THOSE WHOSE WORK TOUCHES THE LIFE OF SOMEONE ELSE.



THURSDAY JANUARY 21: **Agnes** **Child Martyr** **304**

“Come to me, all you who are weary and overburdened, and I will give you rest”

Matthew 11 vv28 PRAYER: Untiring God, always ready to walk beside the vulnerable and the lost, always ready to take the burdens of life from our shoulders and to bring us hope; guide us on our pathways that we too may support those who are struggling under the weight of life at this strange time.



PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE WORK IS OFTEN TAKEN FOR GRANTED AND USUALLY UN-NOTICED. FOR REFUSE & RECYCLING COLLECTORS, SEWAGE WORKERS, ROAD CLEANERS, EMERGENCY VEHICLES, LORRY DRIVERS, SO MANY PEOPLE ON WHOM WE DEPEND DAY BY DAY. MAY THEY BE SAFE AT THIS TIME

FRIDAY JANUARY 22: **Vincent of Saragossa** **First martyr of Spain**

“Arise my love, for now flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come; the vines are blossoming; they give forth fragrance ” Song of Solomon2 vv10

PRAYER: Creator God, whose creation reflects the beauty of your Divine love. We give thanks for the world we live in, for rivers, streams, mountains, valleys, oceans, forests, villages and cities. We give thanks, although surrounded by the danger of the virus, we have been given the chance to see the beauty you have set us in; for the creatures, flowers and plants that we have trampled on, and now have the chance to restore-

PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE LIVES ARE BOUND UP WITH CLIMATE CHANGE AND ARE NOT AFRAID TO BE PROPHETIC IN THEIR VISION OF THE FUTURE. HELP US TO HEAR THEIR WORDS AND TO ACT ON THEM WHILST THERE IS STILL TIME. WE PRAY ALSO FOR THE PEOPLE OF SPAIN AND FOR THE SPANISH WORKERS AMONGST US.

SATURDAY JANUARY 23

“When He saw the vast crowd, He had compassion on them and healed those who were sick” Matthew 14 vv14

PRAYER: Healing and merciful God, look with mercy upon those who are struggling at this time and upon those who watch over them. You healed all those who came to you in faith that they might bear witness to your love and power. As we journey through the pandemic, we pray for the healing of body, mind and spirit, and for the hope you have poured into the world through the vaccines. May the light of courage and hope surround us.

PRAY FOR ALL STUDENTS THAT EVEN IN THESE DIFFICULT TIMES THEY MAY FIND FOLLOW THEIR DREAMS AND LEAD THE WORLD INTO NEW HOPE AND NEW WAYS OF LIVING TOGETHER IN PEACE. PRAY ESPECIALLY FOOR THOSE WHO SEEK TO HELP THOSE STRUGGLING WITH MENTAL HEALTH.

HOLY COMMUNION AT HOME

Are you still receiving the Blessed Sacrament at home? For us all, Cornwall is, along with all the nation under a third lockdown. This means that although churches may remain open for private prayer and in the case of the Redruth Benefice, weekday services of Holy Communion, you may well have taken the decision to **STAY AT HOME**. The following prayer will help you to receive the Sacrament at home when once you would have been in church, or even on zoom:



A prayer is offered and bread is taken

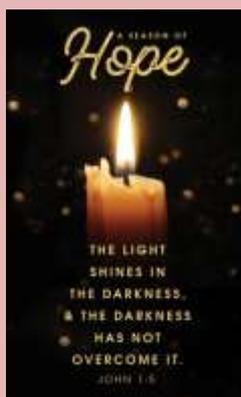
*As the seed falls into the earth and dies to give life to the grain,
As the corn is cut and crushed to make flour,
As the flour is baked and the yeast dies to give life to the dough.
As the bread is broken and eaten to give life to the body.
So Jesus, sitting with the disciples, took bread, broke it, and said:
"This is my body broken for the world"
Eat the bread and remember Jesus*

May God bless you on your journey and keep you safe.

FIRST SUNDAY EVENTS

The first Event of 2021 was live at 6.00pm in Pencoys Church. It was an Epiphany Carol Service to support the children of Yemen. Our target was £130.00 and with late donations you raised: **£200.00!!!! Thank you so much for your generosity**

The February Event on Sunday February 7 at 6.00pm should have been in Christchurch, Lanner, and was to have been an interactive Christingle. The guest speaker should have been Zoe, Pat Basset's grand-daughter who works for a charity supporting children on the Pacific Islands, especially Fiji. That event will now wait for the pandemic to pass. The theme for the February Event is yet to be decided: **ANY SUGGESTIONS?**



SUNDAY AT 6.00pm

Are you still lighting your candle at 6.00pm each Sunday? If you are **THANK YOU**. Candles are lit all over the world, so you are not alone. Here are some of the names that you may wish to hold in the light of God's love:

IN NEED: Barbara, Alan, Mother Shirley and Max, Jay, Jill Knox, Pam Williams & Simon, Rose Waring, Gabriel, Betty, Alice, Stephen (Treleigh), Jamie, Joy

let FP know if you have other names

THOSE WHOSE JOURNEY IS OVER: Neil, Andrew, Stephen

DIARY DATES:

You probably know by now that due to the THIRD LOCKDOWN the churches in The Benefice of Redruth will be open for Private Prayer and the mid-week services of Holy Communion. **Church services on a Sunday have been suspended and will now be on zoom at 10.30am.**

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 20, 2.00pm., Treleigh Church, Stephen Pedley's funeral (RIP.)

TUESDAY JANUARY 26, 7.00pm., Feast of Prayer

FRIDAY JANUARY 29, 2.30pm., Zoom Flapjack Meeting (note date correction)



SUNDAY JANUARY 31 / 5th SUNDAY
6.00pm., **Taize Service**THIS IS NOW
A ZOOM EVENT

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 3, 7.00pm., St Andrew, Redruth, the twice postponed CONFIRMATION with Bishop Hugh and it looks like it will be a THIRD postponement!!!!

MONDAY FEBRUARY 15, LENT STUDY GROUPS START, each group discussing the new report: **Living in Love and Faith**

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 17, **ASH WEDNESDAY**

SUNDAY MARCH 14, Mothering Sunday

SUNDAY MARCH 21, Anniversary of the FIRST lockdown

SUNDAY MARCH 28, Palm Sunday

FRIDAY APRIL 2, Good Friday

SUNDAY APRIL 4, **EASTER SUNDAY**



SCAM SCAM SCAM ALERT: NHS COVID-19 text alert

There is a text that looks like an NHS text. The text claims you are eligible to receive the vaccine. If you respond, you are taken to a FAKE NHS website which asks for personal and financial details. **THIS IS A SCAM. THE NHS WILL NEVER ASK FOR PAYMENT DETAILS**

OTHER SCAMS:

1. Claims for a fine because you have breached the lockdown
2. Offers of health supplements to avoid the vaccine
3. Financial support seeming to have been sent by a ban

THESE ARE ALL SCAMS. DO NOT BE TAKEN IN!!!!

IN CASE YOU ARE STRUGGLING AND NEED A LISTENING EAR:

The Samaritans: 116 123

Anxiety UK: 03444 775 774

Mind: 0300 123 3393

Calm: 0800 58 58 58

Crisis text line (text) 85258

Child-line: 0800 11 11

Switchboard LGBT: 0300 330 0630

JUST TO BRING A SMILE IN THE WINTER:

Now that we are in another lockdown, all we have to do is train all the Amazon drivers to be vaccinators on a Monday. The entire population would be vaccinated by Saturday – or by Wednesday if you have got PRIME!!!!

NOW TRY THIS QUIZ:

1. How long did the 100 years war last?
2. Which country makes Panama hats?
3. From which animal do we get cat-gut?
4. In which month do we Russians celebrate the October Revolution?
5. What is a camel's hair brush made of?
6. The Canary Islands in the Pacific are named after what?
7. What was King George VI's first name?
8. What colour is a purple finch?
9. Where are Chinese gooseberries from?
10. What is the colour of a black box in a commercial airplane?

ANSWERS NEXT WEEK!!!!

GOD BLESS YOU & STAY SAFE!!

