



## Newsletter 42 - Written in the Season of Covid 19 - Sunday January 3 2021

Dear Readers throughout the world,

Only ten more newsletters to go and that will be a year gone!! Thank you for staying with TOGETHER, and many thanks to Jim, who now illustrates each edition. The New Year is now well underway, and on January 6 the world will celebrate the Festival of the Epiphany. The twelve days of Christmas will be over and our journey into the New Year will have begun.

On Monday December 28, Holy Innocents Day, Hugo, (Caspar's son) who is a student studying Spanish, told the Catch-up-Club volunteers how this day is celebrated in Spain. It seems that the day when we remember King Herod's command to kill children under two in his attempt to destroy the baby Jesus, is for the Spanish, the equivalent of our April Fool's Day and is known as *el Dia de los Inocentes*. As they remember the children, they also remember that they never got the chance to play tricks on people. So, the trick for the Spanish is to stick a paper fish on someone's back and shout: *INOCENTES*



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

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

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**THE GOSPEL SET FOR TODAY AS THE CHURCH CELEBRATES THE FESTIVAL OF THE EPIPHANY**

**Matthew 2 vv1 – 18**

The Festival of the Epiphany has mystery, jealousy, generosity and the acceptance by the wise ones, whoever they were, that they were in the presence of something that would change the world and someone who would threaten the traditional power and religious structures of the world.

The word EPIPHANY comes from the Greek word, *Epiphanea* which loosely means 'to show' or to 'manifest'. Thus, to have an EPIPHANY is to experience a sudden realisation or understanding. This is exactly what the wise ones experienced. They had travelled far, using their knowledge of the stars and planets as their guide. They were convinced that a new King had arisen and that they had waited for this moment and must somehow find this King.



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In the unexpected, the wise ones had their epiphany, they realised that the child they worshipped was the one for whom they had waited, and that through him, the world would change. Such an epiphany is possible for each one of us, especially at this time when we see the work of the NHS and other key workers, when we benefit from the knowledge of scientists as they create vaccines, as we have been given the hope of a better, kinder world when the virus is under control. To understand that God is at the heart of all this light is to have your own epiphany. To accept that you too, like the wise ones, must turn from the darkness and find another way for your life.



### LIVES THAT ARE REMEMBERED THIS WEEK:

**SUNDAY JANUARY 3            The Festival of the Epiphany (trans)**

Well, we have got a week off from the great lives in the Anglican calendar!!!!!!

### READINGS & PRAYERS FOR THE COMING WEEK

SUNDAY JANUARY 3



**“Let the little children come to me. And he took them up into his arms and blessed them”**

**Mark 10 vv10**

PRAYER: Compassionate God, whose will is that all people should be enfolded within the circle of his loving arms; look with mercy on your children as they enter a new year. Guide them all on their journey that they may grow towards you in faith, in hope and in love.

**PRAY FOR CHILDREN THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, ESPECIALLY FOR CHILDREN WHO WILL WAKE UP TO THE SOUND OF GUNFIRE, WHO WILL SPEND THE DAY HUNGRY AND AFRAID, WHOSE EDUCATION HAS STOPPED BECAUSE OF VIOLENCE, OPPRESSION AND DISASTER. BLESS EACH ONE AND KEEP THEM SAFE.**

### MONDAY JANUARY 4

**“Grant them your protection so that those who love your name may rejoice in you”**

**Psalms 5 vv12**

PRAYER: Eternal God, whose treatment through Jesus led him to the cross and onto the glory of the resurrection, be close to all those who today will wake up in a prison cell because they have proclaimed your love for the world. Strengthen them for what the day will bring and soften the hearts of those who hold them prisoner.

**PRAY FOR PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE, POLITICAL PRISONERS, FOR THOSE WHO ARE HELD WITHOUT TRIAL AND FOR THOSE HELD IN COLD AND VIOLENT PLACES. PRAY ALSO FOR PRISON GUARDS IN ALL SETTINGS, THAT THEY MAY HAVE MERCY AND DO WHAT THEY CAN TO RELIEVE SUFFERING AND DESPAIR.**

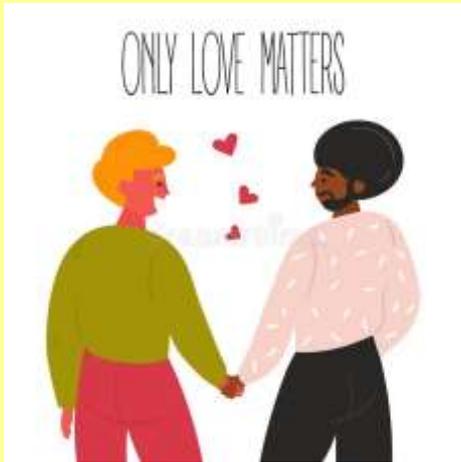




TUESDAY JANUARY 5

“Now

**that you have purified your souls, so that you have genuine mutual love; love one another deeply from the heart” 1Peter 1v22**



PRAYER: Loving God, whose love for the world knows no barriers, pour that love into the hearts of all people, that we may rejoice in your love for us, and deepen our love for you in both the darkness and the light, in the laughter and in the tears, in the fear and in the success.

**PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE IN ABUSIVE RELATIONSHIPS AND WHO LIVE IN FEAR OF WHAT THE DAY WILL BRING. FOR THOSE WHO SEEK A LOVING RELATIONSHIP BUT ARE AFRAID TO SPEAK OR GO OUT TO MEET OTHERS. STRENGTHEN OUR LOVE FOR EACH OTHER THAT WE MAY BRING THE SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT THAT OTHERS MAY NEED.**

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 6 The Festival of the Epiphany

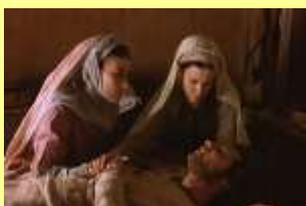
**“The sight of the star filled them with great joy; and they beheld the child, with Mary his mother” Matthew 2 vv10**

PRAYER: All powerful God, whose star led people across the world to witness the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ; may we, in our turn, and in our world, be led to behold the glory of your love through all whom we meet day by day, in whatever situation they are found.



**PRAY FOR THOSE WHO MUST TRAVEL TODAY, FOR THOSE WHO WILL PROVIDE OUR TRANSPORT AND THE PLACES OF ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE. PRAY ALSO FOR THOSE WHO GIVE AND RECEIVE GIFTS THAT THEY MAY PROVIDE SIGNS OF YOUR CREATIVE POWER.**

THURSDAY JANUARY 7



**“Jesus loved Martha, her sister Mary and their brother Lazarus who was ill; yet, Jesus remained where he was” John 11 vv5**

PRAYER: Healing and faithful God, we hold those who feel you are absent when they need you most. Surround them with your love and protection and renew their faith that they may know they are not forgotten



**FOR THOSE FRONTLINE WORKERS WHO FACE THEIR DANGERS OF THE VIRUS DAY BY DAY.  
FOR THOSE WHO ARE TIRED OF DOING GOOD THAT THEIR STRENGTH WILL BE RENEWED.**



FRIDAY JANUARY 8

**“Those who revere your name place their trust in you, for you never abandon those who seek you O Lord” Psalm 9 vv11**

PRAYER: Faithful God, you never turned from your disciples when they failed to understand your message or ran from you in the face of danger. Strengthen our faith in you and help us to trust you as we journey into a new year and seek renewed hope.

**PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE WORK OR LIFESTYLE PUTS THEM AT RISK. HELP THOSE WHOSE WORK IS ON THE EDGE OF SOCIETY AND AMONGST THOSE WHO HAVE LITTLE. GIVE THEM THE SIGNS THEY NEED TO KNOW THEY ARE NOT ALONE.**

SATURDAY JANUARY 9

**“In this is love, not that we loved God, but that God loved us and sent his son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins 1John 4 vv10**

PRAYER: Lord God, we give you thanks and praise for the birth of your Son and his life amongst us. We thank you that Jesus shared whatever we must face, and that he walks beside us, urging us forward into the unknown and to embrace the future without fear.



**PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE FEARFUL OF THE COMING DAY AND FOR THOSE WHO ARE JUST FINISHING A NIGHT SHIFT AND NEED TO REST. PRAY ALSO FOR THOSE WHO MUST MAKE DECISIONS, THAT THEY REMEMBER YOUR PRESENCE BESIDE THEM NO MATTER WHAT THEY DECIDE.**

**HOLY COMMUNION AT HOME**

Are

you still receiving the Blessed Sacrament at home? For many people there is still a measure of anxiety about leaving home, going into crowded places or even being with others outside of their immediate family. 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 will be live (restrictions permitting) at 6.00pm in Pencoys Church on SUNDAY JANUARY 3. It will be an Epiphany Carol Service and will support THE CHILDREN OF YEMEN

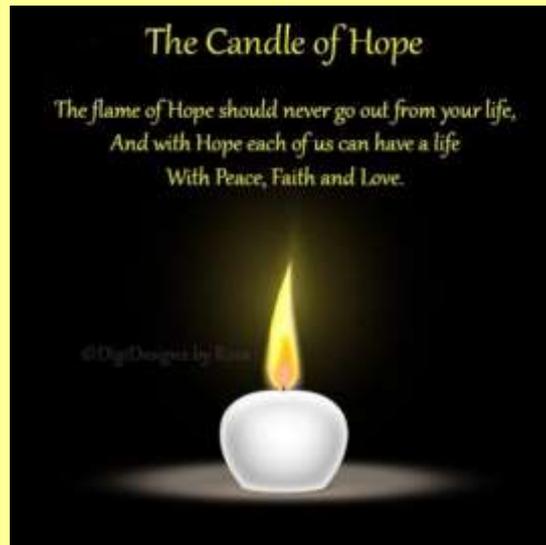


The February Event on Sunday February 7, 6.00pm in Christchurch, Lanner, will be an interactive Christingle, and will be led By Zoe, Pat Basset's granddaughter who works for a charity supporting children on the Pacific Islands.



**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:**

Vic. & Monica, Mother Shirley & Max, Judith, Beverley & Nigel, Rex, Pat MF & Phyllis, Patti., Dawn, Sylvia, Mark, Rory, Mark K., Jay, Alex., Danny, Lucy, Richard, Bob., Leslie, Cathy, Patricia, Gareth, Bex & Dave, Miriam, Eileen, Roger

**THOSE WHOSE JOURNEY IS OVER:** Murray, Elizabeth, Shirley

**DIARY DATES**

SATURDAY JANUARY 16, 9.30am., Benefice Wedding Preparation

TUESDAY JANUARY 26, 7.00pm., Feast of Prayer

MONDAY JANUARY 29, 2.30pm., Zoom Flapjack Meeting

SUNDAY JANUARY 31 / 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY 6.00pm., St Euny Church, TAIZE Celebration /



**PLEASE LET FP KNOW IF YOU COULD BE PART OF A BAND OR A CHOIR**

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 3, 7.00pm., St Andrew, Redruth, the twice postponed CONFIRMATION with Bishop Hugh

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

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 17, **ASH WEDNESDAY**





**JUST TO BRING A SMILE**



What is a new year's resolution?  
Something that goes in one year and out the other!!

Why do you need a jeweller on New Year's Eve?  
To ring in the new year!

What does a snowman like to do on New Year's Eve?  
Chill out!!

What did the little champagne bottle call his dad? POP!  
**With love and the assurance of prayers from the Benefice of Redruth and beyond**

