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## From The Manse

This edition of the In Touch covers the Advent, Christmas and Epiphany periods of the Church year, and on behalf of the Methodist Church in Scilly, I extend my prayerful good wishes to you for these special seasons.

Elsewhere in this magazine you'll find details of opportunities for worship in the Methodist chapel buildings on St Martin's and St Mary's. I know that the Carol Services especially are eagerly anticipated by many people and we look forward to hosting these. As with all events, the planned services are subject to last minute change. During my brief time in the Islands, I've already discovered how conditions of weather and sea state can intervene and that plans sometimes need to be changed at short notice. We remain totally committed too in our duty of care and it's likely that some services will take a different form from previous years as we continue to guard against the risk of covid spread. Please look out locally for posters nearer the time with details of events.

With 2021 drawing to a close, I want to express thanks to everyone who shares in and supports the work of God through our churches here. I'm aware that readership of this magazine extends way beyond the shores of Scilly and that many people near and far maintain an interest in the life and work of the faith communities across the Islands. It's heartening to know the prayerful and practical support of such a wide circle of friends. Thank you.

*Revd Carole*

### **A Christmas prayer from the Methodist Worship Book:**

*God of light and hope,  
of stars and surprises:  
open our eyes to your glory  
and our hearts to your presence,  
that we may respond with joy to the angel song ...*

## Some thoughts for the season ...

Given my name, it seems apt to begin this piece with a reference to Christmas songs. Perhaps as you read this, you've already heard, or even sung some ...

Christmas music comes in all styles, for every occasion and taste: chart toppers and party favourites, ancient anthems, wassailing songs, and of course, a vast selection of carols, traditional and more contemporary. The songs of the season often seem to hold an evocative or nostalgic power, and some have become so firmly connected with our celebration that it's perhaps difficult to imagine Christmas without them. I wonder what your favourites are?

A "golden oldie", "**White Christmas**" is likely still to be included in this year's playlists. I'm guessing though that here in Scilly, *dreaming* may be as close as I get to snow! The best-selling Christmas single to date, Bing Crosby's performance of "White Christmas" first aired on the radio on Christmas Day, 1941. In the midst of War and the aftermath of Pearl Harbour, the context adds another layer of meaning, taking us beyond wishful thoughts of a magically snow-transformed Christmas landscape. The words of the song convey a deep longing for a brighter future for all people and a world free from war.

Following November's COP26 Summit, and with the increasing awareness of just how critical climate issues now are, hope for the world's future is surely well expressed through initiatives encouraging us to commit to a "**Green Christmas**". At a time of the year when wastage of food and packaging is known to increase dramatically, keeping a "Green Christmas" includes a call to be careful and thoughtful in our buying.

Within the Methodist Church, the Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Synod has pledged to become an Eco-District, committed to minimising the negative impact of our Church practices on the environment. As with every pledge, signing up is the easy part. Changing established patterns and lifestyles is altogether more challenging! What better time or way though, to demonstrate the angels' message of universal peace and goodwill than by trying to keep a "green-er" Christmas? Another recent initiative that's been taken up by some Churches is "**Blue Christmas**". It too, stems from the imperative to care for

one another in a spirit of goodwill, sensitivity and grace. Blue Christmas aims to raise awareness of how the festive season can be a difficult time and that in all kinds of ways, Christmas can magnify some painful realities including loneliness, grief, stress and the sheer exhaustion of trying to meet expectations. It seems to me rather sad that there should be need for a reminder of the call to be inclusive. Perhaps though, Blue Christmas brings a timely challenge to us all, urging us to be especially alert to the experiences and emotions of those around us.

However we come to Christmas this year, whatever our dreams or fears, may there be blessing and hope in the message of God's coming among us, in Jesus – God with us, in solidarity and love. May the story fill us again with wonder; may we know it to be true; and may our lives and words make it real and true for our time and place and for all the world.

Love and peace,

*Revd Carole*

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### **John Wesley**

Did you know that.....

John Wesley travelled 250,000 miles on horseback averaging 20 miles a day for 40 years.

Preached 4,000 sermons.

Produced 400 books.

Knew 10 languages.

At 83 he was annoyed that he could not write more than fifteen hours a day without hurting his eyes.

At 86 he was ashamed that he could not preach more than twice a day.

He complained in his diary that there was an increasing tendency to be in bed until 5.30am in the morning.

With thanks to Trinity Methodist Church, Royton.

## News from St Martin's

We have now moved to Friday services, as there are no boats available on Sunday's, and the first such service had to be cancelled as the weather was too rough. Welcome to winter in Scilly Rev Carole! Fortunately the Remembrance Day service was able to take place with the wreath laying ceremony at the Church following on. Carole has also been introduced to her first St Martin's coffee morning which Jackie and helpers organised at the Community Hall.

I am sure we have all been moved by the recent COP 26 / Climate change conference in Glasgow where many world leaders and their advisers have been meeting to reach essential decisions relating to how our precious planet can become a safe place for all to live in. An historic climate deal has been reached, after much negotiation and compromise.

Living so close to the sea in a low-lying part of the country we can empathise with all those Island states that will be submerged if the current sea level rise, due to the increase in global temperatures, continues.

Not all the outcomes most hoped for were achieved, but we have to pray that our world leaders will commit to fulfilling the pledges that have been made.

"May the rhythms of the seasons be restored, the atmosphere be cleansed and natural resources replenished; particularly may we each carefully tend that portion of our planet where we live."  
*Val Thomas*

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Where there is peace, God is. – Anon

Peace rules the day when Christ rules the mind. – Anon

Peace is a free gift, and it flows from the pure mercy of God. – John Calvin

## Climate Change Reflection

*From Christian Aid*

You spoke into the silence  
Light suffusing darkness.  
You spoke into the silence  
Blowing clean life-giving air into the space.  
You spoke into the silence  
Warmth and cold infusing the air.  
You spoke into the silence  
Solid ground formed out of gushing water.  
You spoke, voice carrying over the sound.  
People, plants and animals came to life.  
You spoke each creation balanced against the next so life would be  
abundant and sustainable.  
You saw everything you had made  
And declared it to be very good.  
You spoke, choosing to give us humans stewardship  
over all that You had made.

We speak and act  
Darkness of pollution limits light levels and damages the air we  
breathe.  
We speak and act  
Ground poisoned, burnt, stripped bare.  
We speak and act  
Spoiling, limiting, destroying quality of life and life itself.  
We speak and act  
Without hearing Your call over the noise of the world  
to be good stewards.  
You speak. You create. You want us to be stewards  
of Your creation.  
We come to You to re-learn how to care for the earth  
and people You have made.  
*Katrina Rowland*

*Val Thomas found this while on holiday in Portsmouth. It goes well  
with her own reflections on climate change which she expresses in  
her 'News from St Martin's'.*

## **Action for Children Income 2020/21**

It's good to report a more successful year of fund raising for Action for Children. Although CAMEO were unable to meet and make their usual donation because of Covid-19 restrictions, I was able to resume selling books and allotment produce from boxes on the roadside. A total of £623-87 has been banked, in addition to the proceeds from Christmas worship, which Sue Williams sends separately.

I would like to thank all those who have supported Action for Children in any way – home collection box holders, providers of books, Alan (for excess rhubarb and tomatoes and even a few mackerel!), and importantly those who have purchased through donation. A special mention for my neighbours Ivor and Eileen Martin, who managed the boxes when we were away for two plus weeks in May. Also, Gwen's daughter who found a pleasing sum in a collection box when sorting through things at Bishop View. As many readers know, Gwen worked tirelessly for this charity over a period of many years.

Between April 4<sup>th</sup> and September 15<sup>th</sup> there were very few days when I didn't find some money in the roadside boxes, the least 5p and the most £16-45! An interesting observation this year was how many adults were buying dated Enid Blyton books, several at a time, presumably as collectors editions or to perhaps re-sell on e-bay. Jacky gave me many children's books before her move, and she has since told me that some were actually hers, not just her children's! Beryl also gave me Enid Blyton books dating from her now adult daughters.

Please can I once again ask you to save unwanted paperbacks until next spring, when I will willingly collect and resume fund raising. I had to stop a bit earlier than usual this year as I had exhausted the supply, despite several people having 'clear outs' during the lockdowns and bringing me books.

If you would like a home collection box, please contact me. The needs of vulnerable young people have certainly not diminished and every bit of loose change helps to support a charity who have had to cut fund raising/admin staff as a result of the pandemic.

Thank you

*Heather*



League of Light collection boxes	£141-91
Donations	£40-00
Sale of books	£374-10
Sale of produce	£65-95
Copper trail	£1-91
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>£623-87</u></b>

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## **The Word of Light**

The Word was in the beginning  
The Word was with the Lord;  
When the worlds were set to spinning  
By that same Almighty Word.  
Not a thing that was created  
Was made without His will,  
And His pow'r has permeated  
Our world, and does so still.

In Him was life, and light eternal  
To all men He gives His light;  
Shining in the gloom nocturnal  
Shines like day within the night!  
And to men in sinful starkness  
The Word in glory comes –  
And the deep surrounding darkness  
To the Word of Light succumbs!

Though by Him the world was moulded  
When He came unto His own,  
Yet mankind, in sin enfolded  
Their Creator they disowned.  
But for those who do believe Him –  
Who see that He is right –  
He makes those who do receive Him  
Into Children of the Light!

*By Nigel Beeton*

## **And there were shepherds**

Luke's story of the birth of Jesus is brilliantly told – the angel's visit to Mary to tell her she would be mother of the long-promised Messiah, the old priest in the Temple told by another angel that his wife would have a son to be called 'John', who would prepare the people of Israel for that event, and then Mary and Joseph making the 60 mile journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem, as required by the Roman census. When they got there, no room at the inn, and they settled instead for a convenient stable, where Mary gave birth to a boy child.

Suddenly, Luke changes the tone. 'And there were shepherds ...' – that's what he actually wrote, just like that. 'And there were shepherds', doing exactly what shepherds do, looking after their flocks by night. But this night was different: yet another angelic message – a call to abandon their sheep and go into Bethlehem to see the baby Messiah. They were given directions and a 'sign' to identify Him. He would be lying in a feeding trough. Well, at least they would recognise that.

And why the shepherds, in this glorious story of our salvation? Because the event needed witnesses, and the chosen witnesses would be this bunch of scruffy, smelly shepherds straight from the sheep-pen. Nothing could speak more eloquently of God's purpose than that. This was not a Saviour for the strong, rich and powerful, but for everybody. The carpenter and his wife guarded the Saviour of the world, and the very first witnesses were not kings or priests but a handful of shepherds.

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## **A New Year's resolution-prayer – following in His footsteps**

Almighty eternal, just and merciful God, grant us the desire to do only what pleases you, and the strength to do only what you command. Cleanse our souls, enlighten our minds, and inflame our hearts with your Holy Spirit, that we may follow in the footsteps of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ.

*St Francis of Assisi (1182 – 1226)*

## What a Christmas

The Bethlehem manger, shepherds, wise men, Jesus, Mary and Joseph – it's all so familiar to older people, who are shocked to hear that younger generations may be hazy or ignorant of them. Aren't they part of everyone's education?

Yet the first Christmas was restricted to just a few. What 21st Century Christians proclaim as the most significant event in history began in a remote corner of the Roman Empire, without the pomp and publicity we associate with kingship and power. What modern media have called 'The Greatest Story Ever Told' escaped everyone's attention in first century Palestine.

This year, Christmas is going to be a busier celebration than last year, but probably not yet back to the normal fuss we usually make each December. The streets will be crowded, but shops may struggle with supplies. Parties will take place, but many people will feel reluctant join in. Family gatherings are allowed again, but the vulnerable may hesitate. Christmas services will be held, but as singing has the potential for droplet and aerosol transmission, music will be muted this year. A Christmas without many carols!

Many will struggle to hold their 'usual' Christmas. Yet God does not neglect us. This may be the very opportunity to rekindle or deepen our faith in what really matters about Christmas. Away from the hordes, perhaps completely alone this Christmas, we may sit quietly and allow our heavenly Father to draw near to us. We may picture Mary inviting us to gaze with her at her Son, born to save us from our sins. In the silence of our imagination, we may join the chorus of angels announcing His birth to the shepherds:

"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom His favour rests."

It was that chorus which inspired an American Minister, Edmund Sears, to write the Christmas hymn, 'It Came Upon a Midnight Clear'. Sears, troubled by the world's turbulent history and failure to hear the Christmas message, was himself recovering from a breakdown. Written in 1849, his words have a timeless ring about them:

Yet with the woes of sin and strife  
The world has suffered long;  
Beneath the angel-strain have rolled  
Two thousand years of wrong;  
And man, at war with man, hears not  
The love-song which they bring;  
Oh, hush the noise, ye men of strife,  
And hear the angels sing.

## Good News – What a Friend we have in Jesus

This hymn came into my mind. What a comfort! Then this, perhaps less well-known hymn came into my mind. I can do no better than to quote it:

I've found a friend, Oh such a friend!  
He loved me ere I knew Him; He drew me with the cords of love,  
And thus He bound me to Him;  
And round my heart still closely twine  
Those ties which naught can sever,  
For I am His, and He is mine,  
Forever and forever.

I've found a friend, Oh such a friend!  
He bled, He died to save me;  
And not alone this gift of life,  
But His own self He gave me;  
Naught that I have my own I call,  
I hold it for the Giver;  
My heart, my strength, my life, my all,  
Are His and His forever.

I've found a friend, Oh such a friend!  
So kind and true and tender,  
So wise a Counsellor and Guide,  
So mighty a Defender;  
From Him who loves me now so well,  
What power my soul can sever?  
Shall life or death, or earth or hell?  
No; I am His forever!

No 351 in '*Hymns of Faith*'  
*Pauline Jackson Cocking*

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God did not send Christ to us; God came to us in Christ. – *Don Skinner*

## A Christmas Gift

It's not easy getting the right Christmas present for others, especially in these uncertain times. However, the Magi's gifts were entirely appropriate and help us to understand God's gift of Jesus to us.

*'On coming to the house, they saw the child with His mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshipped Him. Then they opened their treasures and presented Him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh.'* (Matt 2:11). These were the expensive kind of gifts that visitors from the east would bring: gold, frankincense (a plant gum resin used in incense) and myrrh (another resin used in perfumes).

*Who is He?*

Gold is a gift for a king. In Jesus, we see a king in baby clothes. The worship of the wise men was costly, not only in terms of their gifts but for their lives.

*Why did He come?*

Frankincense was used by the priests in the temple in offering sacrifices. Jesus, as the ultimate priest, is the one who came to bring God and man together. He could do this because He is both divine and human.

*What did it cost Him?*

Myrrh was used to embalm the dead. This gift reminds us that the baby of Bethlehem would die on the cross to give His life for us. The wood of the crib and the cross are the same wood!

What are we going to offer Him this Christmas? Jesus is *Christ*, the king who comes to rule our lives; He's *Lord*, the One who knows what it's like to be human as well as divine; and He's *Saviour*, who enables us to be friends of God.

*"At Christmas time, when we receive presents that we don't really need, God offers us a gift we cannot do without." - J John*

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### Peace

Blessed are the peacemakers; they will never be unemployed.

## **How Father Christmas got where he is today**

One person you are bound to run into this Christmas season is Father Christmas. These days he seems to frequent shopping malls and garden centres. If he looks tired, just remember that he has been around a long time and gone through a lot of transformations.

Father Christmas wasn't always the red-suited, white-bearded star of the retail trade that he is today. He began life as Nicholas, born way back about AD260 in Patara, an important port on the southern coast of what is now Turkey. When his parents died and left him a fortune, Nicholas gave it away to the poor. He became a bishop of the nearby city of Myra, where he almost certainly suffered persecution and imprisonment at the hand of the Roman Emperor Diocletian.

Nicholas was a serious theologian: he was a participant at the First Council of Nicaea, which formulated the Creed which we still say today. He even, reportedly, slapped another bishop in a squabble over the exact nature of the Trinity.

Nicholas died in Myra about AD343, but the stories of his generosity and kindness were just beginning. One enduring tale tells of the three girls whom he rescued from certain prostitution by giving them gold for their dowries. When the father confronted him to thank him, Nicholas said he should thank God alone.

In the UK, Nicholas became the basis for Father Christmas, who emerged in Victorian times as a jolly-faced bearded character. Meanwhile, Dutch and German settlers had taken him to America with them as Sinter Klaas and Sankt Nicklas.

It was in America that Nicholas received his final two great breaks into real stardom. The first was when the Rev Clement C Moore, a New York Episcopal minister, turned from his life-work of writing a Hebrew/English lexicon, to write a fun poem for his children one Christmas. His 'The Visit of St Nicholas' is now universally known by its first line: 'T'was the Night Before Christmas'.

From Clement Moore we discovered that St Nicholas is round and pink-cheeked and white-bearded, and that he travels at night with sleigh, reindeer and a sack of toys on his back. It was Clement Moore who also revealed that St Nicholas enters houses down chimneys and fills children's stockings with toys and sweets.

So how did we find out that Father Christmas wears red? That was the US Coca-Cola advertising campaign of 1931, who finally released the latest, up-to-date pictures of Father Christmas:

wearing a bright red, fur-trimmed coat and a large belt.

These days, it is good that Father Christmas uses reindeer and doesn't have to pay for petrol. In order to get round all the children in the world on Christmas Eve, he will have to travel 221 million miles at an average speed of 1279 miles a second, 6,395 times the speed of sound. For all those of us who are already exhausted just rushing around getting ready for Christmas, that is a sobering thought.

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### **Typos in this church magazine**

Some of you have noticed a few typos in this magazine now and then (not very often!!). To improve this for the New Year I am now using a new set of rules for editing:

1. Verbs HAS to agree with their subjects.
2. Prepositions are not words to end sentences with.
3. And don't start a sentence with a conjunction.
4. It is wrong to ever split an infinitive.
5. Avoid cliches like the plague. (They're old hat.)
6. Also, always avoid annoying alliteration.
7. Be more or less specific.
8. Parenthetical remarks (however relevant) are (usually) unnecessary.
9. Also too, never, ever use repetitive redundancies.
10. No sentence fragments.
11. Contractions aren't necessary and shouldn't be used.
12. Foreign words and phrases are not *apropos*.
13. Do not be redundant; do not use more words than necessary; it's highly superfluous.
14. One should NEVER generalise.
15. Comparisons are as bad as cliches.



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*We don't sing carols no more...  
you 'ave to listen to 'em off me iPod!*

### **Birthdays for December and January**

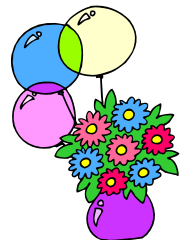
We send our best wishes to the following when they celebrate their birthdays.

#### **December**

Pauline Jackson Cocking, Gladys Perkins, Josh Smith, Merryn Smith.

#### **January**

Stephanie Bird, Jean Goody, Martin Parker, Anthea Roberts, William Thomas, Nathan Thomas, Liz Turner.





## **If biblical events were being covered by today's media...**

### On Red Sea crossing:

WETLANDS TRAMPLED IN LABOUR STRIKE  
Enforcement Officials Killed While Pursuing Unruly Mob

### On the prophet Elijah on Mt Carmel:

FIRE SENDS RELIGIOUS ACTIVIST INTO FRENZY  
400 Killed in Unprovoked Attack

### On the birth of Christ:

HOTELS FULL, ANIMALS EJECTED FROM SHELTER  
Animal Rights Advocates Enraged by Insensitive Couple

### On feeding the 5,000:

LAY PREACHER STEALS CHILD'S LUNCH  
Disciples Mystified Over Behaviour

### On healing the 10 lepers:

QUACK PREYS ON TERMINALLY ILL  
Authorities Investigating Use of Non-traditional Medical Procedure

### On raising Lazarus from the dead:

ITINERANT PREACHER RAISES STINK  
Will Now Being Contested by Lawyers of Heirs

## **Hymns for the road**

If you MUST speed on the road during this Christmas season, at least sing these hymns loudly as you go:

at 45 mph.... 'God Will Take Care of Me'  
at 55 mph.... 'Guide me, O Thou Great Jehovah'  
at 65 mph.... 'Nearer My God to Thee'  
at 75 mph.... 'Nearer Still Nearer'  
at 85 mph.... 'This World is Not My Home'  
at 95 mph.... 'Lord, I'm Coming Home'  
at 100 mph.... 'Precious Memories'

## The Season of Christmas

The moon is high, the night is cold, the mountain blessed with snow.  
The inn is full; the travellers have nowhere else to go.  
But in a stable's warm embrace a mother finds a quiet place  
To lay her newborn Child, who'd face  
The troubled world we know.

Under the stable's starlit roof a donkey lies on straw,  
Exhausted from the endless trek, a hundred miles or more.  
The oxen munch, the geese are still and strangers from beyond the hill  
Water their camels at the well – and tell about the star.

And shepherds who have lost their fear, come from the hill above,  
The Holy Babe lies in the manger, gentle as a dove.  
And Mary smiles, the shepherds sing, the wise men give the gifts they bring,  
They kneel to praise the New-born King  
Who comes to bring us love.

*James S. Stevenson, taken from 'The People's Friend'*

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## PRAYER CHAIN

Please contact Revd. Carole Holmes (422406) who will pass on the prayer request to the first name in each of the groups.

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*For the Prayer Chain to be effective it is essential that requests are forwarded to the person in the column beneath your name. If that person is not available, please, ring the next person on the list.*

*If anyone else would like to join in this special ministry, please, contact Revd. Michael Pullan on 422406.*

*We thank God that we can be channels of his grace.*

## **St Mary's Services during December 2021**

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> No service in the Chapel  
Worship on Zoom, jointly led by Canon Perran and Revd Carole.  
Zoom access code available by email request.

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> 10.30am in the Chapel

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> 10.30am in the Chapel (Holy Communion)  
6pm Carols by Candlelight

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> 3pm? Christingle, Parish Church  
11.30pm Holy Communion, Parish Church

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Celebration of Christmas, Chapel

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> No service

## **St Mary's Services during January 2022**

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> 11am United with Parish Church on **Zoom**  
(No service in the Chapel or Parish Church)

Sundays 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> Services 10.30am at the Chapel

## **St Martin's Methodist Church Services**

Services are planned for Friday afternoons in December and January.  
Times of services will be displayed weekly on local posters.  
Contact Revd Carole for further information (tel:422406).

December - Christmas arrangements for St Martin's

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> No service

**Tuesday** 21<sup>st</sup> 2.30pm - Carol Service followed by tea & mince pies.

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> No service

**Sunday** 26<sup>th</sup> 11.00am led by Christopher Savill

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> Revd Carole (time to be confirmed)