

Reflection Thursday 31st December Christmas Octave 2020

St John tells us that we have been anointed by the Holy One and have all received the knowledge of the truth, leaving us with the question with what we are going to do with it! John also says that we have been part of God's plan from the very beginning and that we have an integral role to play in God's work of salvation. Jesus was born among us to show just how precious we are to God and that God will provide us with all we need to help fulfil God's plan. Living according to this plan will lead us to the fulfilment of our lives and enable us to inspire peace and joy among those around us. Born among us as a man but also a light, Jesus is our inspiration and motivation. In the light of this knowledge and understanding, the coming year offers us hope and promise, opportunities and possibilities. It will not be without its sorrows, challenges and difficulties but it will open us to new discoveries and new wonders. As the new vaccines are being distributed, let us resolve to be vaccine type mini-saviours who will help make creation a healthier and more climate friendly place to live.

His Unfailing Presence (Anon)

Another year I enter its history unknown;
Oh, how my feet would tremble to tread its paths alone!
But I have heard a whisper, I know I shall be blest;
"My presence shall always go with you, and I will give you rest."
What will the New Year bring me? I may not, must not know;
Will it be love and rapture, or loneliness and woe?
Hush! Hush! I hear His whisper; I surely shall be blest;
"My presence shall always go with you, and I will give you rest."

- **L-i-t-e: the new way to spell "Light,"** now with 20% fewer letters!
- **Somebody stole all my lamps and lights.** I was completely delighted.
- The lights in my house just went out, so I have to call an electrician.... I am unable to deal with the current situation.