

## Reflection Monday St John the Evangelist 27 Dec 2021

As the days gradually lengthen and the light grows stronger and soon the first instances of spring begin to venture into the new daylight, John the Doctor of light and life and love, reminds us of their origin, God. This sense of newness and new growth inspire a growing hope that we will overcome the darkness of Covid 19, whatever its strain. The song *"Love is in the air!"* could never be more apt. Love has come down from heaven to speak of new life, new love, new hope, to lift our hearts and urge us to sing *"Glory to God in the highest and peace and joy to all on earth."* Or, as John puts it, Resurrection. Looks as though you will be singing quite a lot today!!

As John reminds us:

*"God is love"..1 John 4: 8, 16*

*"God so loved the world that he gave his only Son"..John 3: 16*

*"Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end." John 13: 1*

*"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another;  
even as I have loved you, that you also love one another"..John 13: 34*

*"Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth."..1 John 3:18*

St John the Apostle and Evangelist "The Disciple whom Jesus Loved" As the love of God inspired John, open your hearts and lives to the love of Jesus to inspire you through the coming year.