

# The Corona Chronicle.

**Being Church in Partial lockdown.**

**Sunday June 13th**

**West Worthing Evangelical Church.**

**Rugby Road**



## **Amy Carmichael**

**Amy Wilson Carmichael (16 December 1867 - 18 January 1951) was a Protestant Christian missionary in India, who opened an orphanage and founded a mission in Dohnavur. She served in India for 55 years without furlough and wrote many books about the missionary work there.**

Amy grew up in a big house in Ireland and had lots of fun with her brothers and sisters. But one day her father died, and the family had to move to a big city and a smaller home. They could no longer afford help with the house or garden. And since Amy was the oldest child, she had to help her mother raise the younger children.

But that wasn't too hard. Amy had learned to love God first of all, and she wanted more than anything to know and follow Jesus. She loved His Word and believed all His wonderful promises. She wasn't afraid, for she knew that Jesus would be with her always.

She also knew that God wanted her to show His love to others. Once, before her father died, she had travelled to a big city with her mother. They stopped at a tea-room for lunch. While they were eating, Amy noticed a little girl outside. Her face was dirty and her hair was straggly as she pressed her nose against the window. Her sad eyes looked right into Amy's.

Amy could never forget the poor little girl. So when she was back home again, she wrote her a special promise. She gave it to God, since she couldn't deliver it to the poor child.

**When I grow up and money have,  
I know what I will do,  
I'll build a great big lovely place  
For little girls like you.**

Amy didn't know that one day, God would send her all the way to India to fulfil that promise.

Walking home from church one Sunday, something else happened that forever changed Amy's life. She and her two oldest brothers -- dressed in their best clothes -- were way ahead of the others, when she spotted a poor beggar woman, dressed in tattered old clothes. Her feet were wrapped with strips of rags, now heavy with mud. Over her bent shoulders hung a large bundle of sticks.

When Amy and her brothers saw the old woman stagger and almost fall, they hurried to catch up with her. The older boy lifted the bundle off her back, and hung it over his shoulders. The other two each took the woman's arms and helped her along. Since they couldn't move very fast, other church people caught up with them.

One by one, church members stared at the strange sight as they walked by. Amy felt her face getting hotter as each person from church passed them, especially when one woman hurried her children to the other side of the road to avoid the four of them altogether. Embarrassed, Amy and her brothers kept their heads down, not even looking at each other and hoping no one important came along and saw them. There was a fountain in the centre of the road, and trying to take her mind off walking along beside the beggar woman, Amy studied it closely. It was made of blocks of cut stone, and the water sprayed out from three spouts at its centre. As she studied it, Amy suddenly stopped someone was talking to her. She clearly heard a voice say,

"Gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw. The fire will test what sort of work each one has done. If the work which any man has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward."

Amy turned to see who was speaking. There was no one there. But she had heard a voice, plain and clear. Puzzled, she walked on with the old woman on her arm. As she did, something felt very different inside. Amy was no longer embarrassed. In fact, she walked with her head held high for all to see.

The trio escorted the old woman to where she wanted to go and then ran to catch up to their mother and the other children to finish the walk home. After lunch, Amy went to her room. She knelt down by her bed. She knew the words she'd heard at the fountain were from the Bible.... The words were from 1Corinthians 3 v.12-14. Amy read them again. What was their meaning to her? After several hours of praying and thinking, Amy finally decided she knew what the words from the verse meant to her. For one thing, she would no longer waste time on things that weren't important in God's eyes. When all the things she'd done in her life were finally judged by God, she wanted them to be found worthwhile. She wanted them to be seen as gold and silver, not hay and stubble. For another thing, she would never again worry about what people thought of her. If what she was doing was pleasing to God, that would be enough for her. If other people, even other Christians, didn't want to walk with beggars, that was their business, but Amy would *walk with* them.

How did Amy know what was "important in God's eyes?" She read and learned from His Word. She discovered what God loved! And her goal was to please God, even if it upset some people. She could trust God in all things because she remembered God's wonderful promise:

"My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness."

2Corinthians12:9

**Work in India.** Initially Carmichael travelled to Japan for fifteen months, but after a brief period of service in Sri Lanka, she found her lifelong vocation in India. She was commissioned by the Church of England Zenana Mission. Hindu temple children were young girls dedicated to the gods and forced into prostitution to earn money for the priests. Much of her work was with young ladies, some of whom were saved from forced prostitution. The organization she founded was known as the Dohnavur Fellowship. Dohnavur is situated in Tamil Nadu, thirty miles from the southern tip of India.



The fellowship would become a sanctuary for over 1000 children who would otherwise have faced a bleak future. In an effort to respect Indian culture, members of the organization wore Indian dress and the children were given Indian names. She herself dressed in Indian clothes, dyed her skin with dark coffee, and often travelled long distances on India's hot, dusty roads to save just one child from suffering. While serving in India, Amy received a letter from a young lady who was considering life as a missionary. She asked Amy, "What is missionary life like?" Amy wrote back saying simply, "Missionary life is simply a chance to die."

Carmichael's work also extended to the printed page. She was a prolific writer, producing thirty-five published books including *Things as They Are: Mission Work in Southern India* (1903), *His Thoughts Said . . . His Father Said* (1951), *If* (1953), *Edges of His Ways* (1955) and *God's Missionary* (1957).

In 1931, Carmichael was badly injured in a fall, which left her bedridden much of the time until her death. She died in India in 1951 at the age of 83. She asked that no stone be put over her grave; instead, the children she had cared for put a bird bath over it with the single inscription "Amma", which means mother in the Tamil.

Her biography quotes her as saying:

"One can give without loving, but one cannot love without giving."

Her example as a missionary inspired others (including Jim Elliot and his wife Elisabeth Elliot) to pursue a similar vocation.



## LOVE THOSE BIBLE NAMES

1. The governor of Syria who opposed the rebuilding of Jerusalem by Nehemiah. Nehemiah 2:19
2. The Philistine monarch who found himself deceived by Isaac. Genesis 26:8
3. The nephew Of Abraham. Genesis 12:5
4. The first wife of Moses. Exodus 4:25
5. The first son of Moses. Exodus 2:22
6. The last of Noah's three sons. Genesis 5:32
7. A man who was killed by Jezebel in order that she might acquire his vineyard for her husband. I Kings 21:1
8. The two Egyptian Magicians who battled against Moses. II Timothy 3:8
9. A son who was sacrificed by his father the king of Moab. II Kings 3:27

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## Word Search



SANBALLAT

MESHA

ABIMELECH

JANNES

JAMBRES

LOT

NABOTH

ZIPPORAH

JAPHETH

GERSHOM

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## QUIET RESTING PLACES

### ISAIAH 32 V. 17

All within the circle of His presence. All in shade; and so refreshment is combined with rest.

1. In the shadow of the Almighty. Psalm 91v1
2. Under the cover of His wings;  
Covered with His feathers. Psalm 61v4
3. Under His shadow;  
the shadow of a great rock. Isaiah 32v2
4. They that dwell under His shadow  
shall revive as the corn and grow as the vine. Hosea 14v7

**SMTWTFS  
BREAD**

# Hymns ,Prayers and Bible Readings

Especially for those unable to get to Church.

**1 All Scriptures are given by the breath of God,  
Are inspired of God,  
Are the Word of the Lord;  
All Scriptures are given by the breath of God,  
And glorify His Name!**

**They can make you wise to a saving faith  
In Jesus Christ the Lord;  
They can make the man of God complete,  
And are meant to be His sword!**

**2 So study to show yourself approved to God,  
Fit to use His Word,  
Fit to speak in His Name;  
So study to show yourself approved to God,  
A workman not ashamed.**

**They'll reprove, correct, and a training in  
All righteous living afford;  
They will yield up all that we need to know  
Of the teaching of the Lord!**

**3 All Scriptures are given by the breath of God,  
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And glorify His Name!**

Michael Baughen (born 1930)

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## The River of Life Revelation 22

And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb. <sup>2</sup>In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each *tree* yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree *were* for the healing of the nations. <sup>3</sup>And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him. <sup>4</sup>They shall see His face, and His name *shall* be on their foreheads.

<sup>5</sup>There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light. And they shall reign forever and ever.

## Prayer

### EXHORTING TO WORSHIP

*From Hebrews 12*

Come to worship the Lord - to Mount Zion, to the heavenly Jerusalem, to the city of the living God, to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly, to the church of the first-born, whose names are written in heaven; to God, the judge of all, to the spirits of the righteous, to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant. Do not refuse him who speaks. Come to worship the Lord! **Amen.**

Hold us fast O Lord of hosts. That we fall not from Thee. Grant us thankful and obedient hearts. That we may increase daily in the love, knowledge and fear of Thee.

Increase our faith and help our unbelief, that being provided for and relieved of all our needs by thy fatherly care and providence, we may live a godly life to the praise and good example of thy people. And after this life may reign with thee forever, through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen

James Pilkington 1520-76 Bishop of Durham

