

Fruits of the Spirit
President's Letter April 2024

Dear Sisters,

I cannot believe that twelve months has passed and we are preparing for our annual Central Committee Meeting and MWA Day. Please remember that we are gathering on 13th April at Hall Green. I do hope that all circles have registered for workshops, but it is not too late. Our speaker will be Sr Claire Maxwell and Sr Christine Emmanuel is to take the communion service. I am sure we will have an enjoyable day and I am looking forward to meeting you all.

Central Committee will be meeting on 6th April, via zoom, so please keep this meeting in your prayers. At the service on the 13th I will be giving my report on that meeting, informing you of the new theme, new projects and new Executive Committee members. I will also put this into my May letter for those who are unable to attend the Day.

You will all have celebrated Easter and I do hope you were able to attend the Passion Week readings and the services on Good Friday and Easter Sunday. What a comfort it is to know that Jesus died for us but rose again. I never tire of this story.

I remember at this time some words that Paul and Jesus said.

Paul says, "He became obedient unto death, even death on the cross."

Jesus said, "I lay down my life, and no one takes it from me."

Three things happen on the road to Calvary. Jesus picks up admirers. Jesus picked up some opposition. Jesus picked up the cross. On Palm Sunday we celebrated Jesus travelling into Jerusalem. Later as the week progresses his opponents persuade the crowds to denounce Him. Then at the end he picks up his cross to be crucified. It is because Jesus picked up the cross to forgive us, that we can forgive.

Easter is a time to remember what God did for us and we can reflect on how those early Christians felt at the loss of Jesus but were uplifted when he rose again.

Can I ask you again to remember all our sisters who cannot attend monthly meetings for whatever reason. If you think these sisters would benefit from Sr Lesley sending them the Quarterly papers, please let one of the committee have either their address or e-mail address.

Keep praying for one another.

The Lord watch between me and thee when we are absent one from another.
Amen

Sr Gillian Taylor

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