

**Fruits of the Spirit  
President's Letter March 2024**

Dear Sisters,

Spring is on its way. Hopefully!

As I look out this morning the rain is coming down again. We seem to have had more than our fair share of it. I hope it will clear up before we meet at our MWA Day in April. This should be a good day of fellowship and I am looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

We are in the middle of lent again and will soon be celebrating Easter. I wonder where the days have gone. It does not seem twelve months since I was wishing you a good Easter. But I do hope you all enjoy Easter.

The Central Committee will be meeting in April to make plans for the next year. You will all have had questionnaires and I hope you have come up with some good themes for next year and projects to support. I am relying on you.

Just another reminder that our MWA Day is on 13th April at Hall Green. All circles should by now have received forms and I hope as many of you as possible will attend as possible. Hall Green is central and therefore easier for more sisters to attend. It is always good to see so many sisters meeting together enjoying 'catch ups', renewing friendships and making new ones.

As you know the Central Committee will meet the Saturday before and all your brilliant ideas for themes, projects to support and names for positions on the executive will be discussed. I will report on the outcome on the day.

Some circles are still having problems with meetings, finding leaders etc. The Executive are still looking at ways we can overcome these situations but if you have any please contact us. The more ways we can consider or take up will only improve the future for us. We would love to attract younger members. They are the ones who will continue the association.

At this time last year, as Mother's Day approaches, I urged you to remember all the ladies who are not mother's but may have looked after others as a mother would. The adopted aunts and grandmothers. Please remember them all again. It is these adopted mothers who do so much without seeking any reward. I think we all know at least one of these women.

I want to share with you the last paragraph of a short poem written by Sarah Diplock at the age of 13.

"But God's family's a unit where we all belong. He supports us in trouble when things have gone wrong. He shares in our gladness, our sadness and fears. He loves us and cares for us, through all the years."

However, I am leaving you with the words from Mark chapter 4 verse 20.

"These are the ones sown on the good soil: they hear the word and accept it and bear fruit".

Have a wonderful Mothering Sunday and good Easter.

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

Sr Gillian Taylor

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