

Dreams and Visions
President's Letter October, 2021

Dear Sisters,

September has come and gone. I think the months go so quickly, but maybe that is my age.

Looking out this morning it looks like we are to have a bright autumn day. I love this part of the year when the leaves turn golden brown and are crisp under foot. Walking the dogs is so enjoyable; not too hot and still warm with the sun creeping through.

All our congregations will have had or be having their Harvest services where we give thanks to God for all the good gifts that he has given us. It is a time for praise and thanksgiving.

We must still remember at this time those less fortunate than ourselves. The homeless who are living on the streets, in doorways or railway arches. I was so humbled a few weeks ago when I came out of a Marks and Spencer store. Outside was a man, who had obviously fallen on hard times. It is not unusual to see men and women outside shops 'begging'. What was unusual was that there was a lady talking to him and she then handed him a t-shirt that she had just purchased. He immediately changed his old tattered one for this new one and was so grateful. This was such a kind gesture and just as important to that man as buying him food.

When I was living in Muswell Hill there were several places where people sold The Big Issue. One of these sellers once told me it was not whether you bought a copy or not that hurt them, it was being faceless. Being ignored is not good for anyone's self-esteem. I now always try to at least say 'good morning' or 'good evening'. This is such a small thing, but it is a kind word, and I don't think they get many.

With the gathering of the crops and the praise and thanks we give, let us also give thanks that many circles that are now able to meet face to face. The retreat we held at the beginning of September was so uplifting. Sr Patsy led this with enthusiasm and good cheer. We had good discussions but most of all we were sisters together not on some remote device in our own homes. Enjoy your meetings and please encourage more to join you. Remember they do not have to be Moravians to enjoy the fellowship will you.

Praise be to you all and let's hope we are going to be back to 'normal' soon.

Yours in Christ

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