

**Dreams and Visions**  
**President's Letter September, 2021**

Dear Sisters,

September has come along so quickly that I almost forgot it was time to write my first letter as your President. I hope I can do justice to the position and be as good as all those who have gone before me. It is an honour to be your president and I hope that we will soon have a volunteer to take over the position of Treasurer.

The summer seems to have 'flown by'. It only seems yesterday that the schools finished for their summer holidays, and they are now all going back. The children will all soon be experiencing their new classes, new schools and new teachers. Older people will be going to university, returning to work or 'normal' activities after their holiday, if they have managed to get away. I am sure that everyone will have dreams and visions for the future, and our new theme will help, encourage and give us all some discussion over the next year.

We have all lived through a very challenging eighteen months. Now that the rules around Covid have been relaxed we are all trying to get back to some normality. A lot of people have experienced loss, loneliness and I think in some cases panic. Please stay on the alert, as I think we will find a lot of these people will have lost their confidence and it is up to us all to help and/or encourage them. They may not be the people you expect, as we always think that it will be the elderly who are affected. However, I have come across some young people who are very worried about large groups and mixing.

Experts tell us that the future may be different. More people will work from home. This is worrying for our young people starting out in the workplace. How do they learn their job and the skills that go with it if lots of us are working from home? I pray this will sort itself out.

To help us all remember the words in Jeremiah 32 v42 – *'Thus says the Lord: Just as I have brought all this great disaster upon the people, so I will bring upon them all the good fortune that I now promise them.'*

These words bring me hope that the future will be bright. I am positive that with God's help we will overcome all the uncertainty and I know that all my sisters will do their best to help all those in need.

Here's to the future.

Yours in Christ

Sr Gillian Taylor

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