

VICE PRESIDENT'S LETTER – DECEMBER 2015/JANUARY 2016

Messages from the Mountains

Dear Sisters

As I sit preparing to write to you my last seasonal letter I can hear the winds howling through the trees as we experience the tail end of a tropical storm. Unlike other years at this time we would have been experiencing colder weather and I would have been saying it is too cold, now, I find myself praying for the colder weather in place of strong winds. There is no pleasing some folks and also as the saying goes be careful what you pray for!

I mentioned above that this is my last Christmas and New Year letter, I have one more letter in the Summer, so I would definitely start early in asking you to pray for the survival and growth of our organisation. Please give some thought about encouraging someone or perhaps offering up yourself to fill the vacancies that Sr. Janet pre-warned you about. For us to continue to do the good work that we have done over the years we need members to help run the organisation. So this is your homework for the coming months and good luck.

Driving around Birmingham recently I found myself counting how many houses have had their Christmas decorations up already, and there were quite a few, well before the beginning of Advent. It is definitely getting earlier each year. The German markets have arrived and the shop windows already decorated. However when this letter arrives the season of Advent would have already begun. The Star would be up and lit and the Hosanna anthem sung for the second time this year, reminding us of the wonderful gift given to us, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Sisters I wish you all a very Happy Christmas. May this be a season of gladness and generosity and many blessings to you and yours for the New Year.

Yours in Christ

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