

THE POWER OF LIVING WATER
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Dear Sisters

Welcome to a brand new MWA year! I hope you have all had a good summer, although the weather has not been too brilliant – perhaps we will get an Indian summer in the autumn.

We start with our new theme: “The power of living water” – I am sure that Sr Diane Thornton’s papers will be as interesting and stimulating as they have been in the past and I ask that you keep Diane in your prayers as she sets about composing the Devotional papers for 2017-2018. The devotional papers are, in my opinion, the beating heart of MWA. They are the thing which sets us apart from other women’s meetings/organisations. Remember that we have a facebook page and please feel free to respond to Diane’s points for discussion on this page – perhaps we can get an online discussion underway. This will give us an opportunity to share our discussion with sisters around the province as well as in our Circles.

We now also embark upon fundraising for our new projects for 2017-2018. These are Summer Camp 2018, Crohn’s and Colitis UK and the Leprosarium in Sikonge, Tanzania.

During the month of September, the Irish District will hold its annual Rally, so please remember this event in your prayers. On 30th September the Executive Committee will meet at Fetter Lane where we will discuss, amongst other topics, the changes to the MWA Constitution agreed at Central Committee in April. All Circles will shortly receive a copy of this to read and hopefully agree the changes that have been made.

September is a month of new starts – children going to school or a new school for the first time and young people setting off to university. Please remember all these young people in your prayers especially the ones from within our congregations.

Over the past few months, there have been a number of ministerial calls and moves – Sr Jane Dixon and Br David Howarth to the Yorkshire District, Sr Lorraine Shorten to Birmingham and Br Martin Smith to Royton and Salem. Moving to a new congregation and area can be daunting, not just for the minister but for their family also. All involved have to leave old roles and relationships behind and have to forge a new life for themselves in a new place. So I ask also that you remember all these brothers and sisters in your prayers and if you are one of the congregations with a new minister that you provide a thoughtful, warm welcome to them.

Yours in Christ

Sr Janet Cooper.