

Wonder Women! – Then and Now President's Letter January 2021

Dear Sisters,

As promised, here is an additional January MWA president's letter.

I hope that all of you had a good Christmas and New Year. I realise that for many of you this festive season may have been very different to how you usually celebrate but I hope nevertheless that the celebrations were meaningful to you and that you had an opportunity to connect with friends and family even it was via the miracles of modern technology.

I love Christmas, I love its message of hope and light in the darkness and I don't think that in my lifetime we have ever needed that message more than this particular Christmas. I am not however, generally a fan of New Year. Rather than seeing the new year as an opportunity for new starts, resolutions etc I find New Year's Eve a melancholy time. I am guessing that for many people this New Year will have felt somewhat melancholy. If this is the case for you, I pray that whatever your sorrow is you will find some consolation from your faith and your MWA sisters.

There is however now some cause to celebrate and to look forward with hope to a better year. The development of vaccines to protect against this terrible virus is cause for celebration. It is a reason to thank God, that there are men and women with the intelligence and determination to use their understanding of the human body to create a combination of chemicals which will help so many people. Thanks be to God!

Back in October, MWA Executive met together to plan MWA events for 2021. We decided that it was impossible to say whether or not it would be safe or desirable for us to host a provincial event in April as we usually do. We decided therefore to organise a number of District services. These will be held on our usual MWA Day – 17th April at 2.30pm. Executive will provide the structure, hymns and prayers for the service so that as far as possible we will all be connected by our worship even though we will be separated geographically. Executive is meeting again in January to develop this idea further, so I hope to be able to tell you in my letter in February the venues for these services.

The April Central Committee will go ahead as usual but it is likely that this will be held over Zoom rather than in person. Just a reminder here that Central Committee will need to elect a new President and Home and Overseas Secretary.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a good, happy and healthy 2021. I hope it will not be too long until we can be in each other's physical presence again until such time:

May the Lord watch between me and thee when we are absent one from another.

Sr Janet Cooper