

JESUS THE STORYTELLER

President's Letter March 2026

Dear Sisters,

We are quickly going through the months of 2026. The days seem to go so quickly and there are not enough hours in the day to do everything. Maybe that's because I am getting older and probably slower!!!

The weather is still not good, but I do think we are getting less rain. However, where I live, we are still getting cold days with bitter winds. That's the penalty of living at the top of a hill.

We are preparing for our Central Committee meeting on 11th April and our MWA Day on 18th. I do hope you all have this in your diary and I will be seeing you there. You should have all had your questionnaires and details of the workshops available. I know these are a little later than usual, but I would appreciate them being returned as soon as possible.

I have some good news. We have had a volunteer to do the admin side of the Secretary's job and will be ratifying this at the Central Committee meeting. We just need someone to come forward who would be prepared to take the minutes at the meetings. There are two maybe three meetings a year and the Central Committee meeting. I do urge you to look within your circle to see if there is anyone. The meetings are held on zoom on a Saturday morning.

The elections for this year are for Devotional Secretary, Vice President and Quarterly Secretary. Both Sr Kendall and Sr Benedek will have served their maximum terms and are therefore unable to stand again. Please try to find sisters who will be willing to take up these positions. Always check before you nominate anyone that they are willing to stand and if you require any further information about the position and what they entail please ask a member of the exec.

Do not forget to give us some good ideas for our theme next year and plenty of ideas of charities to distribute the funds to.

Also don't forget the Irish Retreat. Sr Ruth's last e-mail to me said there were still some places available. If you have not been before I can tell you it is well worth going and enjoying time with our Irish sisters. If you require any further details do not hesitate to contact me.

Lent is now with us and I hope you are enjoying the 'road' to Easter. Also, many of you will be attending a World Day of Prayer service. As Sr Maureen told us last month this has been prepared by the women of Nigeria. I have seen the order of service and would urge you to find a service near you as the hymns are good ones that I think you will all know and the message is inspiring.

Mother's Day is approaching, and as in the past I urged you to remember all the ladies who are not mother's but may have looked after others as a mother would. The adopted aunts and grandmothers. Please remember them all. It is these adopted mothers who do so much without seeking any reward. We all know at least one of these women.

However, I am leaving you with the words from John chapter 3 verse 8.

"Jesus said, 'The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit'."

The Lord watch between me and thee when we are absent one from another. Amen

Sr Gillian Taylor