

JESUS THE STORYTELLER

President's Letter May 2026

Dear Sisters,

I am writing this letter after our Central Committee meeting and wonderful MWA Day. We had should a lively and friendly day. It was great to see so many sisters who I probably meet only once a year.

I am going to report the decisions of the Central Committee meeting for those who were unable to attend our day and refresh the memory of those who were there. So here is what you we are looking forward to from September.

Sr Janet Cooper was re-elected has your Devotional Secretary, Sr Norma Maynard was elected as Vice President and Sr Elsie George was voted as Admin Secretary. I look forward to continuing to work with all three of these sisters. Unfortunately, we had no nomination for a Minute Secretary and Quarterly Secretary. These positions need to be filled as quickly as possible. As it is difficult to function was the Exec has not got its full complement. Please ask members to consider.

My thanks go to Sr Audrey and Sr Lesley who have been in faithful members of the Exec for 10 years and supported myself and Sr Janet previously, as President. Their input has been invaluable.

Our new theme from September is 'Be Still and Know'. I am looking forward to the devotional papers to come as this covered so many of the suggested themes.

The project money collected amounted to a staggering £5,571.50 but I have since been informed by our Treasurer that it is now risen to £5,601.50. This will be going to - £500 to Motor Neurone Disease, £500 to Alzheimer's Society, £500 for Provincial Youth work and £1,000 to the British Mission Board for work in the schools in India and Nepal. This amounts to £2,500.

We had money left from last year and were able to distribute this immediately and so a further £4,000 will as follows. £500 to DEBRA, £500 to World Central Kitchen, £500 to Candlelighters, £500 to Rainbows Babies Bank, £500 to Ruddi's Retreat, £500 to Barnardo's Leaving Care Service, £250 to Olive Branch, £250 to Agewell, £250 to Anthony Nolan Trust, and £250 to Wyke Foodbank and Making Places.

The projects that we have chosen for you to support next year are £1,000 to Child Growth Foundation, £750 to Changing Suites, £750 to Cardiomyopathy UK and £500 for Youth work in the Province. This amounts to £3,000.

We did manage to give something to almost all the charities which you suggested. The ones we did not give to were either because it had not been that long since we had given to them as they were so like another one that we were supporting. Also, we tried to support lesser-known charities that need the funds as they are more local to a circle or are not in the public eye.

The general funds were quite high, and it was decided to transfer £1,000 to the project funds to be set aside for any Disaster that might occur and the exec can send a donation without waiting for Central Committee.

The collection on the day was £346 and Hall Green have asked for this to be added to our project funds.

At the MWA Day our Memories Booklet was on sale, and it is a big thank you to Sr Mary Holmes for collating and editing this. I may have had the idea, but I knew just who would fulfil by idea. The cost is £4.50 and if any circles want copies let me know and I will make sure you get them.

I hope you feel the Central Committee have represented your wishes but please let us know if we can do more. We try our best to cover all your suggestions, but it is not always easy.

Enjoy the coming summer.

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

Amen

Sr Gillian Taylor