

A Time for Everything President's Letter April 2023

Dear Sisters,

It is just twelve months ago that I was reminding you that our Away Day Service was to be held on zoom. It is so good that this year we are to meet in person. Please remember the Away Day is 22nd April at Hall Green. I do hope that all circles have registered for workshops but it is not too late. Our speaker will be Sr Susan Foreman and Sr Kathryn Woolford is to take the communion service. I am sure we will all have an enjoyable day and I am looking forward to meeting as many sisters as possible.

Central Committee will be meeting on 15th April, via zoom, so please keep this meeting in your prayers. At the service on the 22nd I will be giving my report on that meeting, informing you of the new theme, new projects and new Executive Committee members. I will also put this into my May letter for those who are unable to attend the Away Day.

Easter is now upon on us and I hope you all can attend the Passion Week readings. I find that these readings set the scene for the events of the week and however many times you hear the words that lead to the crucifixion and Jesus rising from the tomb, it is a comfort to us and I never tire of this story.

Remember our theme 'A Time for Everything'. Easter is a time when Jesus sent out his disciples to spread the "Good News".

In Matthew Chapter 28 verses 18 – 20 we hear -

"Jesus drew near and said to them, "I have been given all authority in heaven and earth. Go, then, to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples: baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and teach them to obey everything I have commanded you. And I will be with you always, to the end of the age."

They did an excellent job of this. It is a pity that in today's world a lot of people appear to have lost their faith, if they ever had one. However, you do find that these same people, when in trouble or are having difficulties., still send out a prayer. Maybe there are more people with faith than we think but this is just not openly expressed.

Easter is a time to remember what God did for us and we can reflect on how those early Christians felt at the loss of Jesus but were uplifted when he rose again.

I hope you all have a good Easter and remember all our sisters, wherever they may be, because there will always, unfortunately, be one of our number who will be in need of your prayers.

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

Sr Gillian Taylor

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