

Fruits of the Spirit
President's Letter February, 2024

Dear Sisters,

A Happy New Year to you all.

The weather has not been good. We have had a little snow which was not that big a problem. However, the wind has been edged with frost and so bitter. I hope you have managed to stay warm, and it has not caused you too much of a problem.

Let us all forget this harsh weather and look forward to future events.

I have good news. Sr Mary Holmes from Fulneck has agreed to take on the role of Home and Overseas Secretary. This means that we have a full Executive and I, for one, am looking forward to her papers. The first will be out in March. We wish her well in her new role.

It was with immense pleasure that I heard that Sr Janet Cooper had been accepted for training as a stipendiary minister. I know she will be good, and we wish her well with her training and future ministry.

Before we know it, it we will be celebrating Easter and then our MWA Day. This is to be held again at Hall Green, Birmingham on 13th April. This venue seems better for all parts of the country and I do hope that we will have our usual large gathering. The forms for workshops etc. will be sent out soon.

The Central Committee will meet the weekend before to discuss themes, projects, and elections. Sr Sandy will have sent you the questionnaire to complete which will include your suggestions for these. The role of President is up for election. Please give prayerful consideration to who you wish to fulfil this position.

The other event we can look forward to is the Irish Retreat in May. This is at Drumalis Retreat Centre, Larne, Co. Antrim 3rd to 5th May. Forms were sent with the December papers but if you require further details contact Sr Kathleen Kitson. (02825640325).

I would like to leave you with these words for the coming year -

May this year be a celebration of all that inspires your spirit, filling your life with success and joy.

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

Yours in Christ

Sr Gillian Taylor