

# LET IT SHINE!- PRESIDENT'S LETTER FEBRUARY 2019

Dear Sisters

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year although it seems quite a while ago now!

Hopefully you remember that the last time I wrote to you all I asked if you would be so kind as to tell Executive/Central Committee what you would like for the MWA's 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations. Thank you to those Circles who have replied. There are a few of you who have not yet responded so if you can still find the slip, please have a look and send your ideas to me. Even if you can't find the slip, an email/letter to me saying what sort of souvenirs and what you might like in the service would still be very welcome. Planning has not yet begun so there is still time for your ideas to be taken into consideration.

This is the time when as Circles, you will be raising money for the Projects. I hope your fundraising efforts go well. Fundraising is an opportunity to spend time together in fellowship and to tell others about the work of MWA as well as raising money for good causes. Thank you all for your great efforts in raising money for our worthwhile projects.

I'm sure that as congregations and possibly as individuals you have been giving money to Wupperthal in South Africa to help the community following the devastating fire which has destroyed many of their homes and important buildings. I would ask that you remember the community in your prayers as they try to rebuild what they have lost.

I also feel that at this time we need to pray for our own country and its leaders. I have no idea where we will be as a country by the time you read this letter at your February meeting. Our country is divided perhaps more than ever before. Whether you voted to remain in or leave the EU I'm sure that we can all agree that what is needed is strong and principled leadership to take us forward and heal the terrible divisions that have occurred.

Until March I wish you God's Blessings

Sr Janet Cooper