

Fruits of the Spirit

President's Letter June 2024

Dear Sisters,

We are coming to the end of another year in our terribly busy calendar. September marks our new theme and so the start of a new year.

At present many of our young people are in the middle their examinations. I know that you will wish them well as many of us will have children and grandchildren undertaking these. It is a stressful time for the children and families. I for one am glad that this period of my life is over. However, I do know that there are adults still undertaking examinations and include any of sisters still studying in this. All the best to everyone.

The Irish retreat was held on the first weekend in May. This was a wonderful time of fellowship and Sr Janet Cooper led us in many tasks, even weaving. We did have some sisters who had not attended the Irish retreat before. It was some sisters first retreat. I know that all the sisters who attended had an enjoyable time. I urge all sisters to think about attending our retreats as you will find fellowship with each other, and it is another way of meeting sisters from around the Province.

The next retreat is in September 2025, and we are hoping to go back to The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanick, Derbyshire. Please consider attending. Forms will be sent to circles around May next year. Look out for them.

Now, just another reminder that next year is our 75th anniversary. Please do not forget to 'put your thinking caps on' and let the executive have ideas for ways to celebrate. Our meeting is in September and we are interested to know how you would like to mark this occasion.

Most of you will be thinking about summer holidays. At present the weather is not encouraging but I do hope it will improve and you all have a wonderful summer, get a well-earned rest, and come back will renewed energy and enthusiasm. Remember Jesus said in Matthew 28 v20 –

“Remember, I am with you always, until the end of the age.”

Sr Audrey Kendall will be writing to you in July so when I write again it will be September and the start of our new theme, which is On the Journey Together. So, I hope you all rest over the summer and are back in September with a spring in your step.

“Rejoice in the Lord always.” (Philippians 4:4)

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

Sr Gillian Taylor