

THE POWER OF LIVING WATER  
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Dear Sisters

I hope you all had a good Christmas and that 2018 has got off to a good start. This afternoon when I was driving home from work, I noticed that it was lighter than it had been. I have also noticed birdsong in the mornings just before dawn breaks – spring is on its way! Although I realise we have a couple of months of coldness before us.

This month you should have received your booking form for the MWA Day at Swindon in April. It is a long time since I visited Swindon – my son Ben had just been born last time I was there and he will be 29 in April! I am therefore, really looking forward to going both for the Central Committee Meeting and our annual MWA Day. Please fill out the form for Swindon and send it back to them as soon as you can. As those of you who have organised MWA Days in the past will know, it is a complicated business so fully completed forms with the correct amount of money for those who are attending will make the Swindon Sisters' job a lot easier and will also facilitate a successful day in April. On behalf of MWA, I would like to thank the Swindon congregation for agreeing to host us this year.

Going forward, there are two elections for Executive Committee this year; Sr Gillian Taylor as treasurer and Sr Jean Parker as secretary. I am pleased to tell you that both sisters are willing to stand for re-election. However, if there is anyone else interested in either of these roles, please feel free to nominate them.

Ash Wednesday, the start of Lent falls on Valentine's Day this year. Valentine's Day is a day which celebrates romantic love; Ash Wednesday is a more sombre commemoration when Christians begin to prepare for the terrible events of Good Friday and the glorious resurrection of Christ on Easter Sunday. At its heart, Easter is a love story – not the romantic type, but the story of God's great love for all mankind.

I hope you find time to use this Lent to reflect upon the greatest love story ever told.

Yours in Christ

Sr Janet Cooper.