

JESUS THE STORYTELLER

President's Letter September, 2025

Dear Sisters,

I hope you have all had a good summer and are ready for our new MWA year. We are starting our new theme, 'Jesus the Storyteller'. I am looking forward to Sr Janet's devotional papers and I am sure they will as inspiring as 'Our Journey Together'.

Remember I left you with seventy-five challenges. How many have you gone achieved? I hope some project money has been raised for next year. I know how generous you sisters are.

The other thing I asked you to consider was items for our memory book. Sr Mary and I are still awaiting tales of past events and inspiring people. I keep reading the booklet that was produced to celebrate 50 years – 'The First Fifty Years'. I was interested to read that the current MWA hymn is the third hymn to be used. The first was 'Jesus makes my heart rejoice'. This was changed some years later to 'Our Lamb has conquered: let us follow him' and later still to our current hymn 'May the grace of Christ our Saviour'.

When some of you receive this letter, we will have already held our Retreat but at the time of writing my letter I am looking forward to it. It is to be at The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, 5th to 7th September and 19 sisters will be attending. Our thanks go to Sr Norma Maynard who books the venue and plans the programme. More about it next month.

Can I also remind you that we are still in need of a secretary. If you think you know of anyone who could do this or share the position with another, please urge them to come forward or send me their name so I could approach them. If you need further details, please contact me or one of the other members of the executive committee.

Let us now go forward and hear about 'Jesus the storyteller'. In Mark Chapter 6 verses 2-3 we read "Many who heard him were astounded. They said, 'Is not this the carpenter?' ".

Let Us Pray

Father, thank You for giving us the perfect Teacher in Jesus Christ. Help us listen, learn, and live according to the lessons He taught us through parables. May we be good stewards of the gifts You have placed in our lives. In Jesus' name, amen.

Have a good year and enjoy the stories.

Yours in Christ.

Sr Gillian Taylor

MIZPAH