

## MWA PRESIDENT'S LETTER FEBRUARY 2015

### WITH GOD IN THE GARDEN

Dear Sisters

I have to admit that February is my least favourite month of the year. Winter has been going for a while, Christmas is over and Spring still seems a long way away. So I have tried in recent weeks to notice little things outside to lift my spirits. I have noticed some lovely sunrises, that the evenings do not draw in so quickly, signs of growth in gardens. The natural world is a sign of God's presence in the world even when the world seems a dark place.

This month you will have received some music as a part of your monthly notes. I believe the Fetter Lane Circle are using this hymn as it ties in with our theme. I know not all of you will meet where there is a piano or indeed you may not have someone in your circle who can read music but we hope if at all possible this hymn may add to your devotional time together. You should also have received your questionnaires, Jean (secretary) and Gillian (treasurer) are up for re-election and both are willing to stand again for the posts.

I will close this letter by sharing a poem I have shared before but which fits with our theme. It is by Kate McIlhagga of the Iona Community which both harks back to Christmas but looks forward to Lent and Easter, most of all it speaks of hope.

*Into the dark world  
A snowdrop comes,  
A blessing of hope and peace  
Carrying within it a green heart:  
Symbol of God's renewing love.  
Come to inhabit our darkness, Lord Christ,  
For dark and light are alike to you.  
May nature's white candles of hope  
Remind us of your birth  
And lighten our journey  
through Lent and beyond.*

Yours in Christ

Sr Janet Cooper