

PRESIDENT'S LETTER MARCH 2017

COME JOURNEY WITH ME

Dear Sisters

It was lovely last month to learn more about Sr Audrey Kendall who is our new vice-president. Once again, can I welcome Audrey to MWA Executive, I am looking forward very much to working with her.

Audrey also has a big job on our hands as part of the Harlesden Circle. This Circle, with some help from other sisters in London are organising the MWA Day in April. I know how hard a job this is but I hope I am right in saying that once the event is over and has been successful, there is a great sense of pleasure and pride in the sisters who have worked so hard.

You all will have received your booking form now. Can I ask that you complete this form with all the sisters on who wish to attend and send it to Harlesden with the correct amount of money? It is important that everyone who is attending contributes financially to the running of the day. Any surplus income goes into MWA funds which assists with the running of MWA and has meant that for many years now we have not had to increase the annual subscription fee. When the General Fund reaches an amount which far exceeds what is needed to run MWA, some money (with the agreement of the Central Committee), is transferred into the Project Fund and used to support charities which you, the members suggest.

When you read this letter, Lent will be underway – a time of preparation for the joyous festival of Easter. I hope you will all find some way of preparing for Easter. There are many Lenten resources available for personal and group Bible study and prayer. Lent commemorates the forty days Jesus spent in the wilderness, preparing for his ministry and being tempted by the Devil. He was able to resist these temptations because of his prayer life and knowledge of the scriptures. It feels as though we are living in uncertain times and I feel that now more than ever we need to strengthen our relationship with God through prayer and study. This will enable us to stay strong and face whatever is thrown at us – confident that in the end we will prevail, confident in the hope that Easter gives us.

Yours in Christ

Sr Janet Cooper