

THE POWER OF LIVING WATER
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Dear Sisters

I hope Easter was a blessed time for you all.... a time when you had an opportunity to both reflect upon the events of Passion Week and celebrate with joy that Jesus is alive!

I sincerely hope that as you read this there are definite signs that spring is here, summer is on its way and winter has gone! The weather has been on occasion bitterly cold this winter and I know the snowstorms prevented many church activities from taking place including some Women's World Day of Prayer Services. I hope that these services – when they were eventually held – provided an opportunity for many of you to share in worship with each other. Of course these services are held all over the world, with all the services reflecting upon the same topic wherever they were held. It is a marvellous thing to consider that on the first Friday in March, women all over the world are gathering together to worship God using much the same words as each other! On behalf of MWA I would like to thank Sr Wendy Hopcroft who so ably represents the Moravian Church in Britain on the Women's World Day of Prayer Committee.

At the heart of MWA is, of course a sharing of time with sisters reflecting upon the same Devotional Theme, hearing about the work of the various charities we have chosen to support, joining in the MWA Verse and finally the recitation of the MIZPAH. It is these two last things which make the hairs on the back of my neck stand up when we all join together at the end of the Communion service at the MWA Day.

Just after you have read this paper, Central Committee will meet at Swindon Moravian Church and the Away Day will take place at Immanuel United Reformed Church in Swindon. I am so looking forward to seeing many of you there and will miss those of you who feel unable to come.

Please hold these two events in your prayers and give thanks for the sisters (and brothers) of Swindon Moravian Church who have volunteered their time and energy to host the MWA in 2018.

In next month's letter, I will be able to give you news from Central Committee and the MWA Day.

In the meantime; May the Lord watch between me and thee when we are absent one from another. Amen.

Sr Janet Cooper