THE POWER OF LIVING WATER MARCH 2018

Dear Sisters

On Saturday 24th March the MWA Executive Committee will be meeting at Dukinfield Moravian Church. I ask that you keep this meeting in your prayers as the Executive members seek to discern the way forward for MWA. We will be thinking about the MWA Day and the Sisters and Brothers of Swindon as they make the final preparations for the event. Please keep these brothers and sisters in your prayers also.

There are several "events" during March in the Moravian Church Calendar. Women's World Day of Prayer services will have taken place on 2nd March and I know that many of you will have been involved in these services. This year, as we learnt in February's Home and Overseas Paper, the service has been prepared by the women of Suriname. Suriname is a country with a large Moravian Church so perhaps the service this year held special significance for you. I hope that those of you who were able to attend a service gained something from it.

On 1st March the Moravian Church Worldwide focuses on and raises money for an area of mission in the Moravian Church. As I am sure you will have heard from your minister, this year we are raising money for the fledgling Moravian Church in Peru. I hope you feel able to give generously to this new yet growing work – mighty oaks from little acorns grow!

Being an avid sports fan, as I write this I have been enjoying the Winter Olympics. I marvel at the skill and speed and grace of many of the athletes. I marvel more however at the grit, determination and perseverance shown by the athletes over the long period of time it takes to become an Olympic athlete. I admire the support that family and friends give to the athletes in order that they may achieve their dream.

Our Christian life requires this persistence, our brothers and sisters require our support. I believe that being a part of MWA and inviting others to be a part of MWA with us, is one way in which we can grow spiritually and provide support for others. We are also in the middle of Lent, a period of time which encourages us to persist in our Christian lives together as we approach the great celebration of Easter.

I hope you all have a thoughtful preparation for Easter and a joyful celebration when Easter morning dawns.

Yours in Christ

Sr Janet Cooper