

## Wonder Women! – Then and Now President's Letter August 2020

Dear Sisters

I hope this letter finds you well. We seem to be approaching the moment when at least some of us may be able to meet again in our churches and possibly as MWA Circles again. This is something to be thankful for – it seems such a long time ago since I last worshipped in church and met with my MWA Sisters to discuss the papers and join together in fellowship and friendship.

I wonder what we will remember about this most peculiar of times?

I will remember the glorious Spring weather and watching the trees and flowers slowly come to life on my daily walks around Fairfield Square. I will remember paying more attention to birdsong and trying – mostly unsuccessfully! – the bird it came from.

Without the routine of regular Sunday worship, my daily prayers became even more important to me and I tried a variety of liturgies to structure these prayers; I learnt therefore a bit more about the type of prayer I can use best.

I spent lots of time with my immediate family and saw my parents more as I visited and chatted through the front window when I brought the shopping.

These are all things I will remember with pleasure.

However, I will also remember the boredom of not being able to go out when and where I wanted to; the inability to meet with and chat to dear friends – online chats just aren't quite the same! Most of all I will remember the deep sadness in not being able to say a proper farewell to a dear friend who sadly died during the lockdown.

I wonder what we have learnt during this most peculiar of times?

I hope I have learnt to be thankful, thankful for what I have and to value what is important in life.

I hope that if you manage to get back to Church at some point in the next few weeks that your return is a joyful one. For those of you who feel uncertain about returning I pray that God will sustain you until the day you feel you can join again with your brothers and sisters to worship.

I sincerely hope it will not be long until we can all gather together at an MWA Day and celebrate our organisation.

Until then: The Lord watch between me and thee when we are absent one from another.

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