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MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT

Happy New Year, Ladies! I can't quite believe it's 2024 already, but I guess that's a sign of age! I hope it's a wonderful year for all of you and for our League. We have a plethora of events planned – some *in-person* and some *online*. I hope there is something to interest everyone, but do send through suggestions at any time.

Call the Midwife – If you're a fan of Call the Midwife, join us for a talk given by Sue from Grays Section on **Wednesday 23rd January** from 7pm for a 7:30pm start. If you haven't got Zoom, or not a great fan of the wonderful technology available to us, then why not get together with some of your Section and log on together?

Cross in Pockets – A message from Margaret von Speyr who coordinates our national project: *"I am still parcelling up crosses and another batch of 200 will be going off today. Luckily, at the moment, I have a few hundred in stock and will be collecting over a hundred more on Christmas Eve from Hemel Hempstead who are prolific in their production!! Thank you to everyone who has worked tirelessly to support this initiative. I will give precise figures in the next newsletter."*

Hymns on Facebook – Elizabeth Upsher makes an extraordinary commitment to our League by singing hymns every day via our Facebook page. She says: *"Daily Hymns and Prayers are open to all members and the public on our CWL Facebook page. Reaching out across the world to connect and support in times of need. Every day, including Christmas Day, we say our prayer for Ukraine and peace in the world. Join us live at 9.30 a.m. UK time (Monday to Saturday and 8.45 am on Sunday) on the Catholic Women's League Page or catch up later to singalong to your favourite hymns - if these are not your favourites then post a request in the comments or message the page. We also pray for each other and your special intentions, make your prayer requests by comment or message. Everyone welcome!"*

Greenford Section – Many congratulations and a huge welcome to **Greenford Section, Westminster Branch** who had their first meeting on 4th December. We hope you'll have many happy years as part of our CWL family!

Siobhan

MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL TREASURER

At the A.G.M. it was voted that the capitation for 2024 is £26.00 per member. Last year, only £21 was sent to Headquarters and the remaining £5 stayed in your Section funds.

The Trustees decided that for 2024 this arrangement would be the same - £26 Capitation for each member, and treasurers will send only £21 to Headquarters with the remaining £5 staying in your Section funds.

A huge thank you to you all for your help and understanding throughout the year.
A happy, safe and healthy 2024 to you all.

Christine

Dates for your diary

Friday 19th January 2024 Quiz Time 7pm for 7:30pm start. National Secretary will send zoom invitation nearer the date.

Saturday 24th February 2024 Spring Meeting 10.00am start to finish at 12:30pm
We hope you can join us. The Zoom will be open from 10am to allow a prompt start at 10.30am.

We hope to be joined by our new National Chaplain, Bishop Philip Moger as well as discussing issues relevant to the League and giving an opportunity for you to put forward your questions and views.

Saturday 22nd June 2024 CWL Summer Day

– times to be confirmed but we hope you can join us for our Summer Day, visiting the Ripon Wayside Shrine. Coaches will pick you up from central York to allow you easier travel options and the opportunity to extend your stay in York, if you so wish.

Friday 11th to Sunday 13th October 2024 AGM and National Conference

at The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Derbyshire.

More details nearer the time but please book the date!

Not a CWL event but you may be interested in helping to mark the **100th anniversary of Lepra** in Westminster Cathedral.

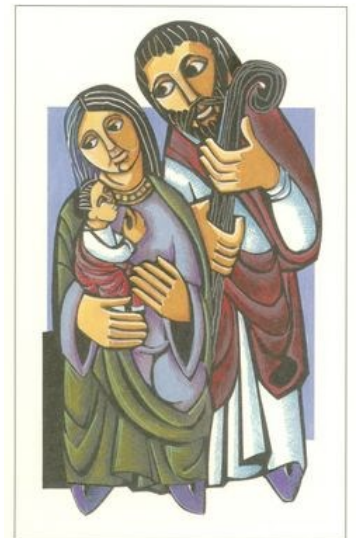
Friday 26th January 2024 at 2.30pm

Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Declan Lang, Bishop of Clifton Diocese and Chair of the Bishop's Conference Department for International Affairs.



The December meeting of Hayling Island Section (Portsmouth Branch) certainly took on a festive mood with a difference. Margaret sewed this beautiful wall hanging of the Twelve Days of Christmas and another member, Mary researched the religious meaning of each day. It was received so well by all the members and their guests and is now hanging on the wall in the Church, with the meaning of each day beside it.

Before we all start to take down the Christmas Tree and other decorations on the Twelfth Day, you may wish to research the meaning of this beautiful 12 Days of Christmas song.



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