

# April 2018

**FRUITFUL & OVERFLOWING:**  
Use this month to think about our sub-theme:  
**WEED FOR HEALTHIER GROWTH**

**REFLECTION**  
from Jill Clarke (international Vice Patron)

Spring in New Zealand happens about October or November. This is the time we get into our gardens weeding. Some gardeners find enjoyment in this task, others not so much! I find it very satisfying to look back and find precious plants standing tall and proud, with the weeds all gone!

Jesus told a wonderful parable of the wheat and the tares-(weeds). Read Matthew 13v25 and then 13v38 where Jesus explains the parable to His disciples.

In short Jesus is the gardener who plants in the world: the good seed is the people of the Kingdom: the weeds represent the people who allow Satan into their lives. Satan plants his weed seeds among the good seeds and they grow together until ready to harvest. When harvest time comes the weeds will be separated and thrown into the furnace to be burned.

Jesus is saying that when He returns His angels will sort out all who do evil in this world, separating them from those who belong to His Kingdom.

The prophet Hosea said, “these people spout empty words and make promises they don’t intend to keep, so perverted justice springs up among them like poisonous weeds in a farmers field!” (Hosea 10v4). Does this sound familiar with the times we live in today? Our world is becoming more corrupt with every decade. But we know the end to that story Jesus told. The righteous will in the end times be saved to shine in the Fathers Kingdom.

In GB we rejoice in the fact that we have girls & young women whose lives are witness to their personal faith in Jesus Christ as Saviour of this world. This is the GOOD NEWS.

**WEED FOR HEALTHIER GROWTH**  
**LET US PRAY FOR SPECIFIC EVENTS & NEEDS**

**WEEK 1**  
Pray that there may be much fruit from the GB European Fellowship Gathering GB125 in Dublin. (4 – 8 April 2018)

**WEEK 2**  
Remember GB Hong Kong’s Basic Officers’ Training Camp (April 2018). Pray for more officers to join in the training and a good time of being equipped to serve in GB.

**WEEK 3**  
Pray for GB Singapore’s Council Dedication & Awards Ceremony (April 2018). Give God thanks for the faithfulness and commitment of the officers and helpers and ask that God will raise up more officers and leaders.

**WEEK 4**  
Pray for GB Scotland’s Explorer & Junior GB 125 Celebratory Mad Hatters Tea Party (28 April 2018). This is an event for 1000 girls and leaders at Kelburn Castle Country Park to celebrate 125 years of GB. We pray for a successful, happy day for all who attend.

**PRAY FOR GIRLS & YOUNG WOMEN ROUND THE WORLD**

Currently 113 Chibok girls remain missing since their abduction on 14 April 2014; some of them are GB members. This will mark their fourth year in captivity. See GB Worldwide website for how to can pray for them and the many others impacted by Boko Haram violence in Nigeria.



**THIS MONTH PRAY FOR GB EUROPE**

The European Fellowship seeks prayer for effective

witness. Give thanks for Margaret Lyttle our foundress who began GB in Dublin in 1893. Pray, too, that GB in Europe may maintain her pioneering spirit ready to try new ways and methods of being and doing GB in a 21st century context.

