

Circle



A magazine for New Zealand women



“focus onoases of rest and refreshment”

Refresh Renew Rejoice

**The new three-year theme for NZAAW
was announced at Conference!**

Refresh: 'I will refresh the weary and satisfy the faint.'
Jeremiah 31:25

Renew: 'Those who trust in the LORD will find new
strength.'
Isaiah 40:3

Rejoice: 'Rejoice in the LORD always, and again I say,
rejoice.'
Philippians 4:4

These theme words were prayerfully chosen by the
AAW Triennial Conference organising team, to help
provide a focus for the next three years.

Please use them in any way you find helpful.
Judith Mackenzie

*(The NZ president has the privilege of choosing the three-year
theme for her term. - Ed)*

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Editorial note

In this issue, Bishop Andrew, through a delightful result of mixed messages, based his reflection on travel. As is often the case, this must be truly God inspired. We are currently in the season of Lent which is, of course, calling us to journey.

Our speciality sections:

- **Did you know?** – *features a book review, Purple Hands by Barbara Walker QSO. How good to read that this autobiographical book ‘resonates with one of the Aims of our Association’. Barbara was a Nurse-Midwife and worked for World Vision and Mission organizations many years (See page 15.)*
- **Catalyst Corner** – *Here we honour the legacy given to us by some trail blazing women whose memory will live on. Their ‘can do’ attitude inspires. Let us remember that these godly women would have undergirded everything they undertook in prayer. (Page 16.)*

From the President

Our guest episcopal contributors:

Our Diocesan bishops continue to honour us with their thoughtful articles enabling deeper insight and meaning to the aims and work of AAW. *(Contact us if you want back copies)*

This issue features an article by the Right Reverend Andrew Hedge, Bishop of Waiapu. (See page 6.) We thank Bishop Andrew for reminding us about: **“those oases of rest and refreshment that we can find alone, or with others.”**

The Christchurch Diocese AAW AGM was held on 26 February 2022. Three new members were elected to the Diocesan Executive Committee: Raewyn Dawson as President, Anne Burgess as Treasurer and Rev Justine Tremewan as Chaplain, as well as the existing six loyal members continuing on the committee. **Thank you to all in the country who have stepped up to leadership in support of AAW.**

Tributes have been written in this issue about four outstanding AAW members – three of whom were more than 90 years of age. Dame Jocelyn Fish, Dame Miriam Dell, Mrs Elizabeth Tipping and the Rev'd Lenore Briant. (See pages 16 & 17.)

NCWNZ news: A Special General Meeting was held by NCWNZ on 26 March 2022, by Zoom, (89 people were online), when delegates and National Organisation Members voted on the new Constitution and Subscription structure. Both were passed achieving a great milestone for NCWNZ.

NZ AAW Facebook: It is very exciting that our Facebook page has two new team members bringing knowledge and ideas to attract a wider audience. Raewyn Dawson is posting each Monday presenting a range of topics. Do join her for 'Tea for Two': *(Take the FB link from www.nzaaw.org.nz)*

Judith Mackenzie



Bishop Andrew reflects

Meeting God along the way



It is ironic, isn't it, that this issue of *Circle* has 'travel' as its theme – as many of us haven't

been able to do this for quite a while. Like a lot of people, I have been missing opportunities to travel to visit family and friends, or to connect with others in meetings. Believe me, conferencing by Zoom is not the same! I've been thinking back to some of the trips we've taken as a family, and to the brief period I spent in Samoa working with emergency services just as Covid was beginning to disrupt everyone's life.

It helps to remember the place of journeying imagery

in the life of the people of God. The Bible is full of stories about people travelling from one place to another and meeting God along the way, from Abraham being called to leave his home for a place God would show him, to the Israelites trekking through the wilderness for 40 years on their way from slavery in Egypt to the promised land, to Paul's missionary journeys.

This year, the Lectionary takes us through the Gospel of Luke, and a major section of that is the 'Travel Narrative' during which we eavesdrop on Jesus teaching his disciples and meeting people along the road.

Indeed, the very first Christians were known as 'followers of The Way'.

AAW's three-year theme, 'Refresh, Renew, Rejoice' can help us to focus on our Christian journey, and in particular those oases of rest and refreshment that we can find alone, or with others.

Where and when have you taken time away from the busyness of life to renew your spirit? What helped you to do that – and is it time to do it again?

One of the prayers we use contains these words:

'Set us, your new creation, to walk through this new world, watching and learning, loving and trusting until your kingdom comes.'

As we begin (hopefully) to travel out of life with Covid in to a new normal, may we be strengthened by God's continuing presence and guidance.

Yours in Christ,

The Rt Reverend Andrew Hedge, Bishop of Waiapu

Bishop Andrew Hedge (born in Papatoetoe, 1972) is the current Anglican Bishop of Waiapu. He was ordained in 1998. After a curacy at All Saint's Howick, he was Chaplain at Kings School, Auckland; and Vicar of Cambridge, New Zealand, from 2008 until his appointment to the episcopate. He was consecrated a bishop on 18 October 2014.

He is a trained volunteer on ambulances and has been made a member of the Order of St John in recognition of this.



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Signs of positivity in a Covid world.

Julie Walker, Social Concerns Convenor

Clearly all areas of social concern in Aotearoa, New Zealand have come into even sharper focus within the Covid environment.

There is a new appreciation of the work charitable organisations do, with increasing numbers of individuals and businesses getting behind them to support their fellow New Zealanders.

KidsCan is one of these. Together with the support of its business partners and the many individuals that donate to KidsCan, the charity has committed to giving out 124,000 tonnes of food, 600 jackets, 2000 pairs of shoes and 5000 health items this school term.

Also, **KidsCan Pet Refuge** is supporting women to leave violent relationships which have often escalated under Covid by providing a safe haven for their family pet.

Another area of positivity is that young people are increasingly coming to the fore in making decisions to create businesses that will make a difference to their whānau and wider community.

Ezra Hirawani, who has been recently named as **Young New Zealander of the Year** for

his efforts to combat energy hardship in Aotearoa New Zealand, is one such person. He co-founded Nau Mai Rā, a



power company which has the aim of ending power poverty. This is achieved by the company greatly reducing the profit a power company would normally make, by using some of the profit to pay the power bills of those less fortunate.

Another piece of positive news is the opening of **HomeGround**, the new Auckland City Mission headquarters! The project gained tremendous support from the Auckland Anglican Community and in particular the late Bishop Jim White. The benefits of the wrap around health services that the Mission provides, will be visible not only daily but more

importantly they will help to permanently turn people's lives around. Accommodation for 80 homeless people along with food provision, medical help, counselling, and budgeting services will be provided for as long as needed.

It was also uplifting to hear about the work of the **Anglican Bishop of Wellington, Justin Duckworth**, who said he disagreed with the Wellington protestors' "rhetoric", but supported simultaneously both protestors and the locals who felt threatened by the protestors' presence, as he made the Cathedral of St Paul available for talking, praying and practical support such as the provision of clean toilets.

It seems possible as New Zealanders that with God's loving guidance we can come together again in a desire to achieve a more unified New Zealand fit for God's purpose!

Nga mihi nui



HomeGround, Auckland City Mission



Come back golden hypnosis by **Amy Adcock, Waiapu**

I am washed in the melted dew and
dried like the clouded breath of a winters morning
I sit spun as a spider's web
Insides twisted like the poison ivy vine hugs
Body blushed pink battling the unforgiving frost
The sun has now risen
Spring has begun, the world has begun
Flowers are in bloom now, their colours steep under the sun's gaze
The breath of spring exhales tiny pollen grains,
Petals frolic in the breeze,
Synchronised like dancers
The world has begun now the sun has arrived
I have been picked up by the golden grasp,
I flutter amongst grains of pollen
I steep like the petals
My body stained in yellows, reds, pinks, blues, I radiate
I grow and bloom and grow again
I have begun now
Blinded by a golden light I am
Washed in honey as the world glows
The sun has set now
My colours tarnish
My petals wilt
I fall from the sky
I sit spun as a spider's web
My insides tangled like the poison ivy vine hugs
Body blushed pink battling the unforgiving frost
The spring has washed over me again
Come back golden hypnosis

Read about this amazing young poet (page 28)- Ed

Overseas & Outreach

Raewyn Dawson, Overseas & Outreach Convenor

We are very lucky – Anglican Missions is really keen to support AAW in our mission work. Their new liaison project person, Olivia Hartfield, has promised to come to any Exec meeting she can and provide us with the most up-to-date information we need. This personal contact is essential when Covid has changed so many mission partners' plans and sent them back to NZ. My own parish has had to change our 'overseas' mission prayer partners twice as they have been forced to return.

Shona Miller is working with her husband, Andy and their three children with NZCMS is Costa Rica. They ask for sustained prayer for their children's education there.

Last *Circle* we included a photo from the Guadalcanal Community which NZAAW has been supporting. A second of the long-term commitments NZAAW has made has been to Newton Theological College. This College has a strong and on-going commitment to providing theologically competent and well-equipped priests in Papua New Guinea. The day-to-day life of the College is sustained by the priests and students growing and cultivating their own food. The college has a reputation for high quality theological education not only for future priests, but also in the



Christchurch AAW members who gathered to support the vibrant Shona Miller.

programmes for their wives and children.

In 2018, to ensure high standards are still in place, Newton College had an extensive review of curriculum and site development to maintain parity in its diploma qualification with theological colleges worldwide



Photo taken by an Australian Bishop, showing the wives with their husbands and some children at the end-of-year celebration.

NZAAW donates \$1,750,00 to the wives' programmes each year.

Something new: As part of our 'Outreach', I am starting a regular post on our NZAAW **Facebook** public page in hopes of widening the net of interest to those not yet involved in AAW. We'll see what response – or not – develops. Your prayers for wisdom and effectiveness will be appreciated.

Extra Mission Notes from Janice Viles, O&O Researcher

* Anglican World Aid, (AWA) a Charitable Trust, is being started specifically to support the development projects of Anglican Missions (AM). This will also provide a tax rebate for eligible donations, which has not been possible before.

* In the Solomon Islands, AM is working with three of the religious communities (see

Lenten Appeal) to provide support for an improved sanitation project. The contact there is Dr Abraham Hauriasi, the General Secretary of the Anglican Church of Melanesia in the Solomon Islands.

* In Suva, Fiji, expectant mothers who are unable (because of Covid 19) to attend the hospital, have

been provided with suitable accommodation close to The House of Sarah and the Diocese of Polynesia offices. A major organiser of this project for new mothers is the Rev'd Amy Chambers, who is the Manager of the Moana Anglican Services and Training Centre.

* AM has previously organised containers, four in Tonga and two in Fiji, which are being made available, and are being equipped to provide support for communities following cyclones, floods and typhoons. The Williams Trust

is providing funds to finance this ongoing project.

* The Ambae project in Vanuatu has worked well, and the young students at St Patrick's College are now in warm, dry and comfortable dormitories.

* AM and The Seafarers' Mission work closely together, and recently AM has assisted in providing a container at the Port of Wellington to be used as a Café and Wi-fi outlet for the seafarers. It also provides a place for chatting or counselling.

AAW Prayer

O God, our Father, whose love for all people
is proclaimed in Jesus Christ,
we thank you for uniting us in prayer and fellowship.

Use us now in the mission of your Church:
Help us to realise that everything we do and say
reflects our love for you.

Bless homes and families throughout the world
especially those unhappy or in need.
Show us how, by our example and concern, we can take
your peace and love wherever your Spirit may lead us,
today and all our days. Amen

Anglican Missions' Lenten Appeal

This Appeal focuses on three projects: in Uganda, the Solomon Islands, and Egypt.

The Rwenzori Special Needs Foundation in Uganda –

see the recent O & O newsletter and last *Circle*.

Three Anglican Community Centres in Alexandria, Egypt

- located in three of the poorest regions in the country, these Community Centres have been helping Egyptian mothers and their children in treating and preventing diseases such as anaemia, malnutrition, and intestinal infestation. The Centres are also helping women combat Female Mutilation (FGM).

The Anglican Church of Melanesia –

Religious Communities in the Solomon Islands have been important, as they organise mission programs that attract thousands of Anglicans and non-Anglicans. However, they do not have accessible sanitation facilities and their hygienic facilities are inadequate. Members of the Religious Communities are therefore suffering from waterborne sickness. We will be working with the Anglican Church of Melanesia to provide toilet facilities along with hygiene education.

All three projects urgently need our support. Visit <https://angmissions.org.nz>

Did you know...

Where God can lead us

Review: *Purple Hands* by Barbara Walker QSO

This is an autobiographical book written by Barbara Walker, QSO, an Anglican Priest. Barbara tells her amazing story of working as a Nurse-Midwife Aid Worker in many countries, including Thailand, Somalia, Pakistan, Ethiopia, Tanzania, Zambia and Mozambique. She worked for World Vision and Mission organisations during the years 1979 – 1996. Then she was evacuated out of Mozambique following a death threat and she came home.

She invites the reader to journey with her from her birthplace in Riverton, to God's call to the mission

field at the age of 13, then to some of the most challenging situations.

I highly recommend 'Purple Hands' to the Association of Anglican Women Members.

It resonates with one of the Aims of our Association: 'To unite in prayer and participate in the mission of the Church.'

Barbara's contact details are revbjwalker@xtra.co.nz if you would like to buy a copy or an audio copy.

Cynthia Prince



Catalyst Corner

Outstanding leaders light our way



Elizabeth Tipping:

On 30 March at Christchurch's Transitional Cathedral, we gave thanks for a great pioneering laywoman of this Diocese. She was

in her 100th year.

Bishop Peter said **“Elizabeth was one of the outstanding lay leaders in her generation, and served this Diocese in a multiplicity of ways, having served as member of Standing Committee and as a member of the Board of Nomination. Her leadership touched nearly every aspect of the life of this Church.”**

Elizabeth was the first woman in many of her roles within the church, and was instrumental in the founding of the AAW.

Judith Mackenzie

Dame Miriam Dell ONZ

DBE JP: Miriam died on 22 March in the Wairarapa, aged 97. Miriam was a botanist, secondary school Science teacher and mother to four daughters.

She was National President of the NCWNZ 1970 - 1974.

Miriam was elected as President of the International Council of Women 1979 -1986, the first New Zealander to achieve this distinction.

Dame Miriam was the New Zealand Government Delegate to all three UN Conferences during the 1970's Decade for Women, enabling her to influence many UN agencies with her passion for

*Dame Miriam Dell
and Pat Vincent
at the 125th
Celebration of
Women's Suffrage,
Government House,
Wellington 2018*



and dedication to equity for women.

Miriam was able to bring about significant legislative change, including maternity and parental leave, equal citizenship rights, women on juries, and matrimonial property rights. Dame Miriam leaves a wonderful legacy of service to women and the Anglican Church.

Pat Vincent



Dame Jocelyn Fish, DNZM

CBE JP: Dame Jocelyn Fish, 29/9/1939 –

19/9/2021 was a New Zealand women's rights campaigner. As a young mother, Jocelyn joined the Association of Anglican Women in Morrinsville. She wished to take part in the social and spiritual life of the community, which is why she wrote our AAW prayer and hymn.

Dame Jocelyn was elected as Piako County's first woman councillor in 1980 and served for three terms.

Dame Jocelyn went on to be appointed as NZ President of the National Council of Women (1986-90). She was on the NZ national commission of UNESCO. For her services to women and the community. Jocelyn was awarded a DNZM in 2009.

Judith Mackenzie



Rev'd Lenore Briant:

Lenore died on 28 March 2022. She had 13

great-grandchildren.

Lenore served mainly in the Holy Trinity parish, but also had a wider ministry with a team of palliative medical people, and as a hospital chaplain at Gisborne and community priest.

The palliative care team were a pioneering group that stimulated the formation of hospices in many NZ towns and cities.

Her care and warmth to all in need will be sorely missed.

Julie Conder

The old question

What Would Jesus Do?

Is a question to ponder
As we struggle in our divided world.
Conflict between double vaxers
And those who are not.
W W J D? We wonder.

Jesus loves us all -
Sheep in different folds.
No gender, class or race
Or vax pass needed to enter heaven.
Jesus embraced the lepers
Sharing God's loving grace.

Chris Robertson-Parkes, Lone Member Waiapu

Chris writes: "I have been part of AAW for over 50 years. Initially Young Wives in New Plymouth before moving to Napier and joining AAW at Waiapu Cathedral and finally at St John's Otumoetai in Tauranga. I was the Waiapu President for a term. Now I live in Kawerau, Eastern Bay of Plenty. As the nearest AAW group is Whakatane I became a Lone Member. I enjoy writing poetry some of which have been published in Circle."

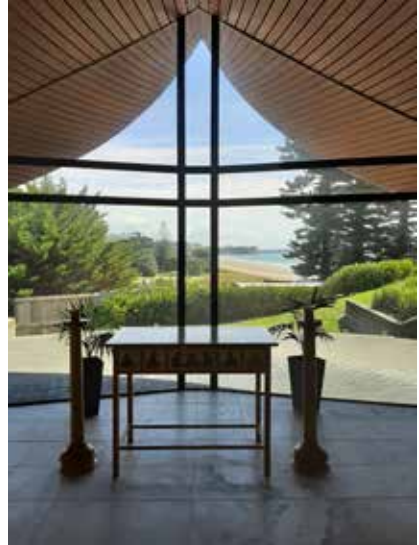
Auckland

Diocesan President: Margaret Rocard

St. Aidan's AAW Women's Fellowship:

On a glorious summer's day our Women's Fellowship President, Mary Parkinson, took us to Vaughan Park Retreat and Conference Centre. We were greeted warmly by Callie Mead, the Guest Registrar, and invited to enjoy morning tea in the dining room. After this, the charming Director, Mrs. Lesley Snyman, showed us around.

The land was originally given by Thomas Vaughan



and Family in 1963. All the buildings face the sun and the wonderful sea views, nestled in the gently rolling hills above Long Bay in Auckland. Each year Vaughan Park welcomes approximately 12,000 guests.

There are three Conference rooms to accommodate different-sized groups. A highlight was the chapel where the resident chaplain,



Sapati Tima, gave a short talk, a prayer and a blessing.

Then we were treated to a delicious lunch served in the dining room. These buildings have won architectural

acclaim and we experienced a welcoming oasis of peace, grace and generous hospitality.

Robyn Bridgman



It is always good to hear about/support Christian Retreat Centres. Vaughan Park's current programme includes a youth retreat – 'Young Overcomer Unbreakable Tautua Honest' and one for the over 65s- 'Retired but not tired'. Visit <https://vaughanpark.nz> - Ed.

Christchurch

Diocesan President: Raewyn Dawson



Lunch meeting, Timaru

Christchurch Diocese: AAW Leaders past and present from Timaru and Waimate gathered together for an outdoors lunch meeting. It was just great to spend time with them all and get a picture of their dedication – whew! Many of their older members need lots of love and support, which is fair enough after their own years of giving. **The AAW is an essential part of the Church’s mission of pastoral care as well as a centre of prayer and outreach.**

Jude Mackenzie, who has served a double term as Diocese of Christchurch

President, was awarded a much-deserved Life Membership. The previous Chaplain, Archdeacon Nicky Lee, who was so outstanding at our NZAAW Conference, was deeply thanked for her work, and the outgoing Treasurer, Lesley Godkin, was much praised. Our wonderful prayer letter writer, Anne Hopkins, is enormously appreciated.



First Exec meeting. Back row from left: Anne Burgess, Treasurer, Raewyn Dawson, President, the Rev'd Justine Tremewan, Chaplain. Centre: Jude Mackenzie, NZ President.



Six of the previous AAW Diocesan Presidents and our Chaplain attended the funeral in the Christchurch Transitional Cathedral on 30 March of our deeply admired Elizabeth Tipping. The first President of the Christchurch AAW, she is an inspiration still.

Raewyn Dawson



Hymn for Ukraine

We cry to You, Oh God,
come! our refrain,
yearning for war to end,
peace in Ukraine!
Soothe all who're
traumatised,
shelter the ostracised,
shield the demoralised,
Lord, hear our prayer!

For those who're weak and worn,
may hope remain,
we bring our burden'd hearts,
peace in Ukraine!
Guard those who mourn and weep,
guide those whose mis'ry's deep,
grant to the weary, sleep,
Lord, hear our prayer!

All those who're lacking strength
may love sustain,
our trust is all in You,
peace in Ukraine!
Drape them in comfort-shawls,
dress wounds from fires and falls,
draw forth new kindness calls,
Lord, hear out prayer!

For those in agony,
anguish and pain,
we lift our voices,
Lord, peace in Ukraine!
Hear our entreaty, now,
goodness and grace endow,
bring peace! To You, we bow,
Lord, hear our prayer!

Words: Helen Pugh, tune: Bethany



Marchwiell AAW groups: In February the two groups had a combined meeting – the speaker was Ron Lindsay from the New Zealand Raptor Trust based in Timaru.

Mr Lindsay brought with him ‘Tom Thumb,’ a hawk that he had raised from a chick, after a farmer had found the nest in the wheat field he was harvesting. The bird later proved to be a female, but they kept the name.

It was great being up close to this magnificent bird, although she doesn’t like to be stroked, unlike the Little Owl they also use for educational experiences.

The Trust is licensed to hold all New Zealand raptors for treatment, rehabilitation, and release. In New Zealand this includes the native Morepork (Ruru), the introduced Little (German) Owl, the New Zealand Falcon (Karearea), and the Harrier Hawk (Kahu), the largest of our birds of prey.

The Trust has provided free medical care to all species of raptors since 2016

The New Zealand Raptor Trust won the South Canterbury Business Excellence awards in the Community Organisation Category in 2021.

Following the visit, the group had lunch and then long-time member Dorothy Bartlett cut a cake for her 98th birthday and was presented with a bunch of flowers, finishing an interesting afternoon.

Anne Hopkins



Dunedin

Diocesan President: Dot Muir

From Dot's annual report 2021-2022 for the Dunedin Diocese:

The 53rd AGM was held in the little 'chapel in the bush', St Luke's Otatara, in the Parish of St John's Invercargill.

The theme for this year is **Refreshment** and hopefully after a break in our usual routines, we are all feeling refreshed. I felt it was appropriate to have our meeting in this peaceful place.

Since our last AGM at Holy Trinity, Gore, all groups appear to be meeting in person or by zoom and are still contributing to help make other people's lives easier.

Thank you all for the work you do in your own communities and outreach overseas.

Please continue to unite in prayer, participate in the mission of the church, and to promote, safeguard and nurture Christian family life.

World Day of Prayer

This year, and since 1928, the central City Churches of Invercargill have celebrated World Day of Prayer together on the first Friday in March. So, on Friday 4 March 2022, 54 people joined together from different denominations as we followed the service prepared by women from England, Northern Ireland and Wales. The theme was 'I know the plans I have for you'. People received a small packet of mustard seeds as a symbol of hope in God.

Prayer, scripture, singing and the sound of bagpipes filled Holy Trinity church with a focus on Ukraine.

Dot Muir, Invercargill



Nelson

Diocesan President: Kathy Cuthbert



Margaret Borcovsky, Kathy Cuthbert, Rev Barbara Harford, Susan Baker.

For our Diocesan AGM, with Covid restrictions and people reluctant to travel, it was decided to have a day meeting at All Saints in Nelson. As our Bishop who was in Marlborough was unable to join us, our AGM was chaired by the Rev'd Barbara Harford who also took the commissioning service. Her sermon and a short play by Noeline Curtis followed the theme of **Refreshment**. Refreshment

as in Jesus saying He is the living water. If we are tired or wilted, we can spend time with Him, or we can do something different to refresh our spiritual life. We just need to spend some time with God, to pray and reflect on His word.

Jan South

All Saints: had a speaker from their congregation: Joy Oakley. Joy has worked at the Cawthron Institute in Nelson for 50 years. This Institute is New Zealand's largest independent science organisation, specialising in science that supports the environment.

She started straight from school as a laboratory assistant and transferred over the years to different areas. She also studied and

qualified as a micro-biologist. These days the Cawthron Institute is contracted to do specific research, with funding specifically for the projects. When Joy started there were only a handful of local staff, but today they have hundreds of international research personnel. Joy has been involved in research for orchards, farmers and the fishing industry. Some of her work has taken her overseas or around NZ. Joy is now involved with quality control and has been to the Islands to get their laboratories up to date. Today she is working part time in this area.

Kathy Cuthbert

Waimea Women's Fellowship

The group decided to try their hand at floral art at a recent meeting. They all brought containers, trying to find ones that were different. Jean

Southward told them how to use all the plants in their garden including vegetables. She had brought buckets of flowers and foliage and with help from Jean everyone went home with a beautiful arrangement.

Diane Higgins



Polynesia

Child protection in Fiji

All organisations that work with children must have policies, practices and procedures in place to ensure that children they come into contact with are safeguarded from harm. The permanent secretary for Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation, Jennifer Poole, declared this yesterday, during the second consultation of the National Child Safeguarding Policy held in Suva.

She said Government was committed to keeping children safe from all violence, abuse and exploitation.

“The consultation for this policy is vital in leaving no stone unturned, especially when the safety of Fijian children is on the line,” she said. “Every Fijian child deserves to grow up nurtured with the provision of safe and effective care.”

The policy will outline a number of concrete actions that will be taken to safeguard children in the delivery of services in a ‘child-safe’ and ‘child-friendly’ manner.

(From the *Fiji Times* 8/04/22)



Participants during the second consultation of National Child Safeguarding Policy at the Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation’s conference room in Suva yesterday.

Credit: Jonacani Lalakobau

Waiapu

Diocesan President: Cynthia Prince



The Eastland AAW group:

Our youngest member, Amy Adcock, (17) won the Rangatahi section of the Tairawhiti Poetry competition organised by the Gisborne Herald for her poem ‘Come back Golden Hypnosis’.

The central theme of the competition was ‘Spring’ and it was judged by Poet Benita Kape, who called Amy’s poem ‘mature and highly commendable’.

Amy is also a talented artist and has had her work published in Clan magazine and has exhibited in the Tairawhiti Museum. We are all so proud of Amy.

Julie Conder

(See p10 for Amy’s poem – Ed)

St John’s Cathedral Waiapu:

Many members continue to keep in close communication by email and phone when face to face is not suitable. However, we are crossing our fingers for a gathering in Holy Week, the first since Christmas of last year.

We were very touched by a piece in the Weekly

Newsletter written recently by the Rev'd Jenny Chalmers who is both the Canon Precentor at the Cathedral and also Vicar General. She wrote "For some years I've been part of visiting clergy to the Cathedral and **I've always wanted to thank the AAW for hospitality which they offered, sometimes under the most trying of circumstances. AAW do a number of things, supporting parishes, supporting missions.** They are unsung heroes."

Our group feels that the same can be said for all AAW groups. There is a groundswell of goodwill engendered by those who serve and those who are served, lots of conversation shared, new friends met and old friends reacquainted during those sociable times.

There is a huge tradition of hospitable service from AAW.

Susan John

Recognition for Catharine White

On Friday 10 February AAW member Catharine White discovered that the Cooperative Bank in Gisborne had named one of the rooms of the bank after her in recognition of her outstanding community service.

They also presented her with a framed citation and a bone carved pendant cross inset with Paua shell and hung with a traditional muka (flax fibre) cord.



Well done on your award, Catharine. Very well deserved.

Judy Adcock



Waikato & Taranaki

Norma Benton, Waikato & Taranaki Diocesan Representative

At our church, we are remembering each week the Anglican Missions Appeal.

We also pray for those suffering overseas, especially Ukraine at this time. We cannot imagine what families are going through. We pray that President Putin will see reason and can be persuaded to cease hurting innocent people.

It is such a testing time now with Omicron taking a toll. Please make sure you have had your vaccinations – wear your masks, and basically be sensible. Lots of prayers required.

We have another New Zealand AAW Executive meeting 7-8 May 2022 in Christchurch.

We will have the AGM on Saturday afternoon, and worship together at the

Transitional Cathedral on Sunday morning. I am praying that Covid will not interrupt my travel this time.

As we celebrate Easter, let us be thankful for what we have in our beautiful country. Even during tough times, the sun eventually rises in the sky.

Holy Trinity AAW, and Fitzroy:

Our group at Holy Trinity, Fitzroy, New Plymouth, has been able to meet each month at the home of our Leader, Elaine James. Our first meeting was our annual Garden Party – lovely idea, but it rained! Never mind, the fellowship was still great inside, and started the year off well.

Our March meeting at the same venue, was a brilliant day, so this time it was held outside in Elaine's lovely

garden, where we reminisced over recipes and books that our mothers used. Lots of them still being used today. That day I didn't have my camera!

Norma Benton

St Luke's Havelock: Covid prevented us gathering at a member's home for our initial meeting of the year. Instead, we gathered at the church and renewed subscriptions and planned a programme till June. On Ash Wednesday we distributed a weekly prayer list for Lent. On the 6 April we shall be showing *aro ha* at Easter: Helen D'Ath has offered to sing for us and we shall be sending heart-shaped messages plus goodies. In May Nan Miller will tell us about the remarkable life of Mother Mary Joseph Aubert for Mothers' Day.

St Luke's AAW team.

Easter

Jesus, breathe forgiveness over us as we come to a new dawn.

Heal us, our world, and our universe

So that we can look forward to joining with you in everlasting glory. Amen.

Pat Gellatly



Wellington

Diocesan President: Mary Driver



St James, Upper Hutt, Harvest Festival: Many of us remember harvest festivals from our childhood and the English traditions we adapted.

A team led by Margaret Miller and Margaret Anderson decided to revive the harvest festival service. People in the congregation brought fruit and vegetables which filled over 20 bags that were donated to the Lower Hutt foodbank.

Kirsty Miller's striking arrangement was a focus beneath the cross in our

church. In front of the altar a hay bale was strewn with fruit and vegetables. In the foyer were tools, including a wheelbarrow, and a pair of fairly clean gumboots. Traditional harvest hymns recalled the beauty of the earth. We enjoyed the creative skills of the current congregation.

Sue Barlow

Pauatahanui Women's Fellowship: In October 2021, Pauatahanui Women's Fellowship had a 'Teddy Bears' Picnic'. We shared stories of what our bears reminded us



of. It evoked some very happy memories.

Julia Stephens



Joining the teddy bears is Jenny Jenkins who has just retired from being the group's treasurer after 27 years!

Wellington Diocese Mothers' Union Lady Day Service: On Friday 25 March members of MU and AAW gathered at St Mark's Church at Raumati Beach for this special service, conducted by the Rev'd Barbara Bonifant. This year's theme was 'Transformation Now!' The service was



inspiring with beautiful music provided by pianist Noeline Cuzens and flautist Bronwyn Parker. A collection of \$300 was raised for the Wellington City Mission, which has seen a 400% increase in demand since Omicron began spreading.

Pat Vincent

Waikanae AAW/MU Vintage & Heirloom Exhibition: For our March Meeting we had an exhibition of vintage and family heirlooms. We heard the interesting stories behind their items.

Some of the items on display included: a christening robe (Annie Walker); Caroline Stewart wearing a wedding hat; a christening gown (Nancy Anderson); a christening gown from 1854 (Glenys Morgan); Caroline Stewart's collection and the Rev'd Theo Carpenter's purple stole.

Nancy Anderson had items relating to her great-grandfather, Pierre Finch Burrows who arrived in NZ on



Nancy Anderson



Glenys Morgan



Ann Walker

the Victory in 1865. Pierre was a colonial architect and one of his many designs was the High Court in Wellington which was restored 128 years later.

Glenys Morgan had her christening dress, still in perfect condition, that was knitted by her mother in 1947. Also, the christening robe of her husband's great-grandfather, John Henry Morgan who was christened at St Paul's, in the Church of Ireland.

Ann Walker had a 90-year robe bought by her husband Eric's Aunt Violet for his

christening in Yorkshire. Their three sons wore it at their christenings and the last child to wear it was their granddaughter Ava who is the only girl to have worn it.

Rosemary Hurd



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