

Circle



Connecting - Inspiring - Reaching out to Women in our Dioceses



Reaching out to the women of today...

- AAW offers Christian support, friendship, fun and social interaction.
- AAW is open to all women throughout New Zealand and Polynesia and has its own magazine 'Circle'.
- AAW takes an interest in Social Concerns and lobbies on its own behalf and through the National Council of Women New Zealand.
- AAW is active in Overseas and Outreach. Funds given by members support projects and mission partners in New Zealand and overseas. An emergency fund assists in natural disaster relief.

We have a three-year theme:

Growth through Gratitude, Grace and Guidance.

Our Aims are....

1. To unite in prayer and participate in the mission of the Church.
2. To promote, safeguard and nurture Christian family life.

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Cover: *Bishop Eleanor and family with Sr. Carol, Whitby, England.* **Bishop Eleanor reflects on the AAW theme: Growth through Gratitude, Grace and Guidance. Page 14.**

Letters

‘ First of all, my article for this Circle is a brightener. There’s so much doom and gloom about I thought it might be good to have something a little lighter yet with a sobering touch.

Secondly, congratulations on your first issue which has its own ‘stamp’ on it re formatting and content.’

Mary Houston, Wellington
Previous Circle Editor

The Circle Team thanks Mary, whose articles inspire and for her kind words re Circle.

‘ I just wanted to congratulate you on your new issue of Circle. It looks great with the new layout and it’s nice to keep things fresh.’

Anne Stainer, Wellington

The Circle Team thanks Anne for her kind words.

‘ Trust all are OK and in your bubble!

Since our Executive Meeting, I have e-mailed a newsletter to our Waikato & Taranaki Diocesan members with comments about COVID-19. I concluded with the collect for the previous Sunday - which seemed appropriate.

I know various groups and members in parishes including AAW members have phoned members and friends, to check on their situations and offer help and prayers where needed. AAW has always been an important part of any parish.

I forwarded e-mails from Shelley re Vanuatu - what a shocking situation they found themselves in – Fiji and Tonga too! I do hope the school we are supporting in Ambae is OK. We were meant to have our meeting when we did!’
Norma Benton, Waikato & Taranaki Diocese.

Editorial note

Apology:

The Circle Team apologise for any distress caused by a local version of the AAW prayer

being printed in the February edition. Added at the final-proof stage, the '(our Father)' omission was missed.

From the President...

The first meeting of the NZAAW Executive elected in September 2019, met for the day in the Christchurch Diocesan Office on 14 March 2020. A few important decisions are reported here.

AAW Proposed Amendments to The Constitution

Motion 1

That Clause 10.1 be amended by changing the financial year to be from 1 January to 31 December.

Motion 2

That Clause 9.2 be amended to holding the AGM within five months of the end of the financial year.

Motion 3

That Clause 7.4 be replaced with the words 'Voting members shall be financial AAW members.'

Motion 4

That Clause 8.2 be replaced with the words 'Voting members at an AGM shall be financial AAW members.'

Motion 5

That all references to the words 'Province' and 'Provincial' be removed from the Constitution and Guidelines.

Motion 6

That all references to the words 'Provincial Office Holders' be replaced with the word 'Executive'.

Motion 7

That all references to 'Provincial' in front of the name of an officer holder be replaced by 'New Zealand'

Motion 8

That the word 'Province' in 4. MEMBERSHIP be replaced by 'Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia'

AAW Proposed Amendments to 'The Guidelines'

Motion 1

That Clause 1e Finance be replaced by the following:

- Travelling Expenses of Executive – Travelling expenses by the cheapest means will be reimbursed for current and outgoing Executive members, but all other travelling expenses will be the responsibility of each Diocese.

Motion 2

That Clause 2 "Mothers' Union Provincial President" be removed and Clause 2a "Relationship with World Wide

Mothers' Union" be renamed as Clause 2. The relationship between the AAW and the World Wide Mothers' Union be one of mutual respect.

All motions are Moved by Anne Gover, Seconded by Pat Vincent

*If you would like to have the full rationale and background to the amendments, email: judith@jmacwebdesign.nz
The amendments will be put forward at the NZ AAW AGM later in the year.*

Circle – Roberta Smith, Circle Manager, from Christchurch was complimented on the new look of Circle in the first issue 2020.

AAW Prayer – An Executive member referred to a previous Executive meeting decision that the AAW Prayer should start with "O God, (our Father) whose love..."

For the record, Pat Vincent's advice was sought and it was recommended to use a comma after "our Father," not brackets around the two

words, and to allow flexibility in the use of “our Father”.

Less than two weeks after our meeting, the whole country was in lockdown as a way of controlling the spread of Covid-19 virus. We have to accept this different way of life in these uncertain times. We are being told to be kind.

“Tell the Lord how thankful you are, because He is kind and always merciful”. Psalm 118:1 CEV

Blessings

Judith Mackenzie



NZ AAW Executive Committee

From left: Norma Benton (Waikato & Taranaki), Roberta Smith (Circle), Diane Higgins (Nelson), Barbara Dixon (Auckland), Pat Vincent (Wellington), Christine Aitken (Dunedin), Judith Mackenzie (President), Anne Gover (Treasurer), Shelley Vette (O & O), Cynthia Prince (Waiapu). Patricia Owen (Secretary) is not in the photo as she was the photographer.

Prayer for a Pandemic

Cameron Bellm

May we who are merely inconvenienced

Remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk factors remember those
most vulnerable.

May we who have the luxury of working from home

Remember those who must choose between
preserving their health or making their rent.

May we who have the flexibility to care for our children
when their schools close

Remember those who have no options.

May we who have to cancel our trips

Remember those that have no safe place to go.

May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult
of the economic market

Remember those who have no margin at all.

May we who settle in for a quarantine at home

Remember those who have no home.

As fear grips our country, let us choose love.

During this time when we cannot physically wrap our
arms around each other,

Let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God
to our neighbours.

<http://krugthethinker.com/2020/03/prayer-for-a-pandemic/>

COVID-19: Grief

Shelley Vette, Overseas & Outreach Convenor

Covid-19 is a challenging time for us all, especially if you are bereaved during this time, as our family was, following the recent death of a much-loved family member. For a while we did not feel like communicating with anyone at all – who would understand? How do you cope when there is no funeral? I wonder if other AAW members have had to cope with this. The isolation that Covid-19 imposes can have an unintentional, but cruel effect on people suffering other major life events.

I recommended a funeral director who I thought would be sympathetic and asked our Vicar for advice. She provided me with some useful information through the Funeral Directors' Assn of NZ who put out four pages of advice which is available

through their web site www.fdanz.org.nz. It is headed up "Covid-19: When no funeral, tangi or farewell gatherings can be held."

Of course, we keep in close touch with family members but at times it is hard to resist the urge to just get in the car and drive the 750 km to be there. We will be having a memorial celebration when this is possible, later in the year.

One member of our AAW group is especially good at ringing around our members to see if we are all OK.

Things like this make a big difference. I try to ring one different person a day. Many people do not use Facebook or computers. I have used our lounge window, to display our small collection of teddy bears, which brings a smile to the faces of passers-by.

COVID-19: Families

Margaret Rocard, AAW President, Auckland

This is not an easy time for families with children. I have two married daughters, 4 grandchildren and an 8-month-old great grandson. I am sure we are all concerned for the future of our children, grandchildren and great grandchildren and for those New Zealanders overseas. One granddaughter is in Melbourne. I have a niece with her family, husband and 3 sons, 14, 12, 10 in Lugano, Italy.

I have a lovely garden to walk in, which is peaceful. I can look into the branches of two large Oak trees. The sound of tui is lovely. St Mary by the Sea is next door, through the trees.

I am listening to Anglican daily office online (Facebook link).

I am praying for AAW members in Auckland, and their families. I am concerned, are we going to plan for this year, whether we hold meetings. Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern acted promptly to put us in lockdown. I listen to News broadcasts with Dr Ashley Bloomfield and the Police. I am following their advice.

I am blessed with helpful and caring neighbours who are shopping for me.

Stay strong and keep safe, we will get through.

COVID-19: Youth

Laurel Hart Y13 (UK)

Laurel grieves for the unexpected end of her school career - and of normality as she knew it...

I am playing Animal Crossing while the world ends. This is not an uncommon statement among my peer group. Following the release of their latest game, New Horizons, more and more people are turning to tiny friendly digital animals for temporary escapism from what's going on around us.

Without a moment to process the loss, we were told to pack up and abandon our whole school lives, but - initially at least - to continue working as hard as we had been previously. In a few months' time, I will be moving to a brand-new city to start university. At the end of the day, I am a writer living

through a major historical event. I am supposed to be recording history as it happens around me, making sense of the tragedy and fear and transforming it into the next great 21st century masterpiece - I'm going to be studying Creative Writing at university after all. But instead, I am playing Animal Crossing.

I am not going to end this with a message of certainty for the future because I don't know what's going on, and nobody does. All there is left to say is that the ways people process trauma are all different, and nobody - teacher or student - should be labelled as unproductive for taking time to recover. The guilt we feel for taking care of ourselves is unjustified. At a time like this, it's hard to stay afloat. But you're doing just fine. I promise. Keep going.

COVID 19: An AAW Response

Cynthia Price, President Waiapu Diocese AAW

New Year 2020 began with news of a flu-like Coronavirus that was making people sick and tragically, also dying. Starting in China it rapidly spread around the world prompting the WHO to announce a Pandemic. Countries closed their borders and inevitably it reached our shores. Our Prime Minister acted swiftly and we were soon in lockdown staying at home in our ‘bubble’ and not travelling out of our neighbourhood.

How has this situation impacted on AAW activities in the Waiapu Diocese? Recently I sent out a newsletter to all Members and Lone

Members informing them of the postponement of our May Diocesan AGM. It acknowledged the lockdown situation and hoped they were coping. I emphasised the need for staying safe in their ‘bubble’ and ultimately saving lives. It was obvious that group meetings could not take place. An initiative in my local group has been for committee members to contact our ringing lists to keep in touch. Some of our members are elderly and this is a wonderful way to show Christian love and caring. A Lenten prayer concluded my newsletter as a reminder “we are all in this together”.

COVID-19: Creativity

Rosemary Hurd, AAW Waikanae

Members of AAW Waikanae held their April meeting remotely whilst in lockdown. Members were asked to get creative for both Palm Sunday

and Easter. The photos are the result of members creativity and observance of this special time in our Christian walk together.





Creator of the universe, infinite and glorious,
you give us laws to save us from our folly;
give us eyes to see your plan unfolding,
your purpose emerging as the world is made;
give us courage to follow the truth,
courage to go wherever you lead;
then we shall know blessings beyond our dreams;
then will your will be done.

NZPB (p. 123)

Reflections from Bishop Eleanor

**Bishop Eleanor reflects on the AAW theme for 2019-2022:
Growth through Gratitude, Grace and Guidance**

Explicitly and honestly talking about growth is very vulnerable for a church that has experienced such a sustained decline as ours.

There is much grief when we witness precious gifts that have not been multiplied or passed on to the next generations. How are we to make sense of this when we, as bearers of the Gospel, are called to be both faithful and fruitful? And now, in this unprecedented season of responding to Covid-19, how, on earth, do we make sense of that now?!

A few years ago, I stood in the January snow outside the chapel of the Order of the Holy Paraclete in Whitby,

England, with the Prioress. Sister Carol and I had spent many days sharing stories of the challenges of our church in a season of decline. She looked up at the snow falling and said to me, “You know, Eleanor, we have been part of something glorious, but for whatever reason it is ending, but the call isn’t, the call never ends.” We beamed at each other. A beam that spoke of the joy of the call we shared and the truth of its unending nature. This is a joy and gratitude that is expressed in Paul’s letter to the Philippians (3:12), in which he says that he has not reached his goal of being made perfect in Christ, but that he takes hold of this call, “as Christ has taken hold of me”.

How thankful we are that our lives belong to Jesus! Paul expresses a proactive, not passive, posture towards his belonging to Christ. He sows, he harvests, he toils in the Gospel, without ever losing sight of the knowledge that “neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow” (1 Corinth 3:7). This is Grace.

We respond to grace, not with passivity (like the person in the parable who buried the talents) but with thankful humility and reliance on the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

We proactively ask how we can partner with the way and the will of God to see the Kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven. That question should be on our lips now more than ever as our normal ways of gathering and living are suspended.

How privileged we are to be able to stand in the council

of the Lord and to seek the guidance of God; to die to ourselves and to be alive in Christ!

My heart was filled with love when I saw this theme for the AAW. None of us could have imaged the shape that this year was to come and yet how deeply the prayer in that theme fits our new reality. In this season:

May gratitude overflow; May grace abound; May the guidance of the Holy Spirit have ever increasing strength and sovereignty;

And may the kingdom of Jesus grow in this land in both faithfulness and fruitfulness as we all continue to take hold of our calling in Christ.

The Rev Canon Dr Eleanor (Ellie) Sanderson was ordained in June 2017 as Assistant Bishop in the Diocese of Wellington, the first female bishop in the Diocese since its establishment and the fourth female bishop in New Zealand history.



We plough the fields and scatter the
 good seed on the land,
 but it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand;
 he sends the snow in winter, the warmth
 to swell the grain,
 the breezes and the sunshine and soft refreshing rain.
 All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above,
 then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord for all his love.

We thank you, then, O Father, for all
 things bright and good,
 the seedtime and the harvest, our life,
 our health, our food:
 accept the gifts we offer for all your love imparts;
 and that which you most welcome,
 our humble, thankful hearts.

Author: Matthias Claudius (1740-1815)
Translator: Jane M Campbell (1817-78)

Poem for 2020

Chris Robertson Parkes, Lone Member Waiapu

New Year's already well underway
New decade too - 2020
Days, weeks, months aplenty.

New calendars on our walls
Marking seasons to come and go.
Sun, rain, wind - maybe snow!

What is really ahead we wonder?
Our lives have reasons and seasons too.
Times of joy and gladness
Times of dark and sadness.

So awake each new morn.
Give thanks for all you see.
Sun shining through the tree

Birds chirping their song.
Take a step into your day.
Make it one of your best.
Maybe just another along the road
Whatever – know you are blessed!

A tale of two cats

Margaret Houston



Once upon a time we acquired a tabby kitten, a strong-minded active little cat. She didn't like her name Geraldine; would answer only to Puddy! Once she was spayed, she settled down, developing into a loving cat, beautifully groomed and well-mannered.

When Puddy was twelve years old she became lethargic. She took so little interest in the world about her I wondered if she was growing senile... or was she just plain bored! My daughter's cat produced a litter of five kittens. We chose the tiny little ginger-and-white runt as Puddy's

companion and named him Rufus. When we took Rufus home, he met Puddy in our lounge. She was sitting upright, looking puzzled, as this little creature approached her. Rufus reached up and nuzzled her hoping she could provide him with milk, but she couldn't. There was nothing there! He looked so taken-aback and so did she. The two stared at each other for a long moment...then Puddy lowered her head and started grooming him.

Rufus kept Puddy very busy! She taught him to keep himself clean, to hunt mice, and to climb... curtains, trees, fences, and even up on to roof-tops.

She passed on to him her culture of good manners and the two cats were inseparable.

At eighteen, Puddy's health suddenly deteriorated. Rufus was worried and hovered over her. After we had set up the second bathroom as her 'sickroom', Rufus took over her care.

He lovingly groomed her, gently nudged her to eat, and even though he pursued his usual routines and activities, he would take time out every hour or so, to go check on Puddy in her room.

If anything was awry, he would come and find me and lead me to her to put things right for her.

After Puddy died, Rufus watched us clear and disinfect the bathroom. When all was done, he turned away. To our knowledge he never re-entered that room.

Now Rufus is fifteen. Since I've been living alone, he has made it his job to keep me 'up to scratch' in the way I live.

He checks on me regularly during the day, and if I get out of bed at night, he ensures I get back into bed safely. He needs to know always where I am, what I'm doing. If he can't find me, he yowls – loudly – till I respond. He likes to inspect my visitors when they arrive and makes sure he's there to meow good-bye when they leave.

Some of my family and friends say he's domineering, controlling, demanding, interfering...but I feel humbled and loved by his loyalty, and by his concern for my well-being.

What wonderful lessons we can learn from watching the behaviour of our pets; lessons in love and nurturing, aroha and atawhai.

Their behaviour can be so selfless, generous, and intuitively right. They can put many of us humans to shame!

Volcanic ash clean-up

Robin and Joan Stanford, Inglewood (via Shelley Vette)

Robin and Joan Stanford went to St Patrick's College, Ambae in December 2019 to help with the work of cleaning, repairing and setting up the classrooms and dormitories which had been previously ruined by volcanic ash following the eruption in 2018.

“Arriving a week after the residents began to return, the evidence of disaster was all around the school. We were welcomed by the Principal, Chaplain, groundsman and their families. Determined to re-open the school for the 2020 school year, their cheerful commitment was inspirational. The entire school needed cleaning from top to bottom both outside and inside.

“We had brought two water blasters with us. The Chaplain soon had the water

blaster running in the home economics room. Before the power and water were sorted, Joan and I cleared out the home economics room ready for cleaning.

Cleaning involved removing large tables used for food preparation and various craft activities such as sewing. We also had to remove the stoves.

These were free standing but like the stainless-steel sinks had suffered from 15 months of ash and acid rain, causing pitting and rusting.

These stoves were clearly not going to be able to be used. The pots and pans were ruined.

It was heart breaking removing books that had been eaten away by both the elements and the rodents and that could not be salvaged.

As teachers, Joan and I know the value of resources, often built up over many years.

Louvre windows and fly screens were caked with ash, which had hardened in the heat of the previous 15 months, and the water blaster was just the tool for the job.

My priority, as a former Head of Science, was to inspect the chemical store in the science labs and prep/storerooms to ensure no danger lurked.

Oscilloscopes, microscopes, electric circuit equipment were all ruined by ash and acid rain. Clearly, replacing these items was going to take time and money.

The two labs were cleared of benches and seating. All the desks and chairs needed scrubbing. We washed the labs walls, floors, windows and fly screens. Luckily, the fauna that had begun to reclaim the site (which included spiders

as big as your hand) scurried away in search of new dwellings.

Much remains to be done. It is difficult to appreciate the extent of the damage unless you have experienced something similar.

Before the end of the year we hope to raise sufficient funds to buy/hire a container and fill it with items the school needs. Our initial goal is \$15,000.”

Update: *“The area of Ambae, that St Patrick’s College is in, Vureas, is safe but there is Cyclone Harold damage at the college. Full details next edition. – Ed.*



Auckland

Barbara Dixon, Auckland AAW past President

St James, (Mangere Bridge, Auckland) Ladies Fellowship met for fun & fellowship. After our service the women shared a look at ‘The NZ Housewife in History’. This was a very interesting part of the meeting with a lot of reminiscing and laughter. We noted the reference to family violence and abortion back in the 1800s. Does nothing change? Following the discussion and a short study on Salt and Light, palm crosses were made. The crosses are now ready for



Making palm crosses

presentation on Palm Sunday. It is over a year since we had made the last batch, so it took a little time to remember the recipe and to get the fingers working correctly.

AAW Auckland AGM: A friendly AGM as always for Auckland. This year we began with Afternoon Tea. Bishop Ross was presiding at Cathedral for the Interfaith Prayers for Peace on the Anniversary of the Christchurch mosque attacks. He joined the meeting following this service. At the AGM a new President was elected. Margaret Rocard is the new President of AAW Auckland. Katherine Loamanu, Holy Trinity Otahuhu, was elected as our new Synod Representative.

We are looking forward to a year of Gratitude, Grace and Guidance.

DIOCESAN UPDATES – AUCKLAND



Front Row: Margaret Heath, Jenny Timms, Margaret Rocard, Katherine Loamanu, Robyn Bridgman, Revd Hilary Leith, Nan Woods.

Back Row: Bishop Ross, Barbara Dixon, Julie Walker, Kaye Hastings.



50-year Badges: Some of our 50 year members were at the Annual meeting, so were able to receive their badges.

Front Row: Jan Cleary, Natalie Taplin, Robyn Bridgman.

Back Row: Barbara Dixon, Marie Taylor, Nan Woods.

Christchurch

Patricia Owen, Heathcote-Mt Pleasant AAW

On St Patrick's Day, 17 March, our service at the Church of the Ascension was based around St Patrick, who it is believed was born in Roman Britain in 4th century, into a wealthy Romano-British family.

His father was a deacon and his grandfather a priest in the Christian church. According to the Declaration, aged 16, he was kidnapped by Irish raiders, taken as a slave to Gaelic Ireland and spent six years working as a shepherd. During that time, he "found God".

The Declaration says that God told Patrick to flee to the coast, where a ship would be waiting to take him home. He went on to become a priest.

According to tradition, he returned to Ireland to convert the pagan Irish to Christianity. He evangelised in Northern Ireland and converted

thousands. It is thought he died 17 March and was buried at Downpatrick.

We sang Be Thou My Vision, an 8th Century Irish hymn - not knowing then what was about to befall us!

Our reading:

Colossians 3:12-14 "put on then compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive - above all these put on love, which binds everything together."

How these words were soon to be put to the test.

Blessed were we that we sang Amazing Grace. We then sat at the table sharing a lovely meal, talking of our anxious feelings about the growing

spread of the Coronavirus. Dishes cleaned, we sang Irish songs, ending with “Bless this house”. We hugged our goodbyes in sombre mood and prayed together:

“May God give you: for every storm, a rainbow, for every tear, a smile, for every care, a promise, and a blessing in each

trial. For every problem life sends, a faithful friend to share, for every sign, a sweet song, and an answer for each prayer.” Amen.

Just four days later the Government asked those aged 70+ to go into self-isolation.



Dunedin

Christine Aitken, Dunedin AAW President

The Dunedin Diocese held its Annual General Meeting on Saturday 7 March at St. Luke's on the Taieri in Mosgiel. Our new National President Jude Mackenzie joined us and was our guest speaker. She gave a very entertaining and informative power point presentation on the AAW trip to Fiji last year. We were most impressed with the beautiful things made by the women and learnt that they used sewing machines which AAW had helped buy. There were funds still available from the donation regularly sent to Fiji by New Zealand and it was

suggested they use some of that money to buy more machines.

The commissioning service held after lunch was presided over by our Diocesan Chaplain the Rev'd Vivienne Galletly and Bishop Steven celebrated Eucharist and commissioned the incoming President and Committee. He then gave an inspirational talk on how one could grow through faith.

The St. Luke's AAW provided a sumptuous morning and afternoon tea and the whole day was one of fun and fellowship.



*Back row: Anne Gover, Bishop Steven, Margaret Tegg (partly obscured) Christine Aitken, Elisabeth Cunningham.
Front row: Marjorie Brown, Jude McKenzie, Dawn Harrison*

Nelson

Jan South, Nelson AAW



Marlborough held their A.G.M. and Regional Day on the 4th December at St Christopher's. A communion service was held with Rev Pam Holgate as preacher and celebrant. Rev Capt Richard Dyer chaired the meeting and entertainment was provided by Margaret Jarman with an amusing poem about pigs, and Florence Darlington with 2 Christmas stories to make everyone laugh. Diocesan President Diane Higgins

read the report that she had presented at Diocesan Synod and the afternoon concluded with the singing of Christmas carols with Beth Timpson on the organ. All donations from the day plus one from the executive will go to the Ambae appeal.

Nativity Group held a very successful car boot sale and raised \$570 dollars and a further \$85 was raised by Vivienne James who held a morning tea - this money also going to the Ambae appeal.

Cathedral Group: The Cathedral has decided to start fund-raising for the refurbishment of their kitchen which will be happening after the earthquake strengthening of the Cathedral structure has been completed. They have embarked on the task with a trading table and 2 sausage sizzles so have raised the first



\$1000. They started their new year with a commissioning service conducted by the Reverends Andy and Ramari Joseph who gave them a delightful talk after the service about their life and spiritual journey over the past nine decades. What an inspiration they are to us all.

All Saints Nelson ran a fashion show in November as their fund raiser for the Girls hostel in Ambae. 75 people attended and they raised \$1000. They were pleased to have the help of other church groups in this effort and expressed their thanks to them all in the church newsletter. Their Advent meeting took time out to relax and reflect before the

really busy time of Christmas.

They performed a 'Tableau' with members reading and other members miming to bring the story of Christmas alive.

Once again members from other groups joined them and donations of \$225 were given to Women's Refuge. In February they had great fun at their time out minigolf get together at Tahunanui Motor Camp.

Richmond Afternoon ladies group had special morning tea for two of their very active 90-year olds and since then a third also active member has achieved this goal. Congratulations Elsa, Grace and Margery.

Polynesia

Litia Smith, Circle Correspondent, Polynesia

Bula and greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The first two photos show our Ladies of Solomon descendants that went on a tour to their Island home, The Solomon Islands, on 4 January 2020.

The purpose of their visit was to reconnect with their families in their forefathers' land and try to learn and know their identities.

Also, to strengthen ties between the Diocese of Polynesia and Church of Melanesia through the interaction of AAW and the Melanesian Mothers Union. Furthermore, it was an opportunity for many women to travel abroad, to have a time away from their busy schedule of mission work.

There are also pictures from our BGM which was held at the St Christopher's Home parish in Naulu, Suva on 9 November 2019. With the



Solomon descent from Fiji meet families for first time



At Nadi Airport ready for departure to the Solomon Islands

newly elected President from Samoa, Genevieve Reid and Secretary, Esther Naicegulevu, I was appointed again as the Circle Correspondent.

May we all pray for our family and friends for God's divine protection and keep them away from this silent killer virus in Jesus' mighty name.



Rev. Lanieta Tuiwaiwai, Ema Asioli (V/P), Litia Smith after the service at St Christopher's, Naulu Parish



2019 BGM delegates of DOP AAW

Waiapu

Judy Mills, AAW Waiapu



St John’s Cathedral AAW Fellowship honoured Napier’s Art Deco celebrations for their first meeting of the year by turning up in their best Art Deco style dresses to enjoy tea from fine china

and delicate sandwiches and cakes.

One of the 70 volunteer Art Deco guides spoke of the many interesting people and incidents that she meets as she guides people from all over the world around what was once described as the “newest city on the globe.” We also celebrated AAW Sunday in February with the commissioning of the leader, Wendy Probert, and her committee at the 10-am service.



Group photo

Wellington

Pat Vincent, NZ AAW past President

Recognising Jan Peleton's AAW Service



A number of AAW members were pleased to attend the

recent special service to install the Rev. Ian Cook as vicar at St Mary's Church Karori and also, for us, to see the most deserved recognition of one of our members, Jan Peleton who was presented with a Bishop's Medal. Jan had not known about the award and was therefore surprised by the occasion. The medal was presented to Jan by

Bishop Eleanor Sanderson in recognition of her long and meritorious service to the parish. Jan has been the leader of their AAW Group for a number of years. She has also assisted with the management of the weekly offerings. Jan had been the leader of the Capital City Region (CCAW) for 15 years and prior to this she was their Secretary. She sat on the Wellington Diocesan Executive over this period. Jan is the epitome of an inspirational AAW woman: faithful, encouraging and gracious.



Recipe

Chocolate Fudge Slice

4oz (113g*) butter

3oz (75g*) sugar

8oz (235g*) super wine biscuits

1 (generous) tablespoon cocoa

1 beaten egg

Melt all ingredients in a good sized saucepan except for wine biscuits. Stir on a low heat until the butter is melted and the sugar dissolved. Add crushed biscuits. Press into a sandwich tin. Ice with chocolate butter icing.

This mixture fills half a 12" x 8" sandwich tin, so I double the recipe. I add a handful of sultanas – lightly chopped. And instead of crushing the wine biscuits I break them up into little pieces with my fingers. I sometimes use 2/3 wine biscuits and 1/3 malt biscuits. I add enough biscuits to make it look dry enough to tip into the tin. Press down with a knife then put Gladwrap over the mixture and roll it with a rolling pin before icing it. The Gladwrap keeps the rolling pin and your fingers clean. Leave for a good day before cutting up.

Jan Deavoll, Diocese of Christchurch

(Jan & Tony Deavoll celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on 16 April 2020. Congratulations! from the Circle Team.)

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