

# Circle



A magazine for New Zealand women



*'...again I will say, Rejoice.'* Page 7

# 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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# Letters

‘ Please find enclosed our cheque for \$50.00 to go towards Overseas and Outreach projects. We have been interested to read in the circle about the continuing support which you give to groups and projects overseas. We are happy to add our contribution to these.’

**Rachel Churton, Secretary, St Matthew’s Family Fellowship, Morrinsville**

*The Circle Team thanks the St Matthew’s group for their kind donation which has been sent as further aid to the Pacific Islands. – Ed*

‘ I have been a member of Heathcote-Mt Pleasant AAW for over 50 years and also the Organist for our group.

Back in 1999, I noticed in the Circle, some music had been composed for the AAW Prayer. I showed it to our AAW leader, who was, at that time,

Audrey Hammond. I thought I would attempt to compose another tune to fit those words.

In April 2001, it was suggested I submit it at the next AAW Conference in 2003, when they might be holding a Music and Worship Workshop. That was some time ago and our Heathcote-Mt Pleasant AAW group still continue to sing it. I would love to share it with other groups. It can be sung just as reverently as you would say the AAW Prayer.’

**Suzanne Stewart  
Organist, Heathcote-Mt Pleasant AAW**

*Contact us for copies of the music Suzanne composed – Ed*

# Editorial note

We continue with our two new sections:

- **Catalyst Corner** – We are highlighting two books written about grief this edition. These books would complement our NZ AAW Triennial Conference workshop: *Coping with grief*. (See page 9.)
- **Did you know** – For this edition, we have given this section to Shelley Vette who updates with what has been achieved through our Ambae project. (See page 14.)

# From the President...

Happy New Year to all AAW members. After the strange year we experienced last year with lockdown and much uncertainty, I hope you enjoyed the holidays with family and friends.

A new year is a time for new beginnings, to think about doing something new, different and exciting. This year, please travel to Christchurch for the NZAAW 22nd Triennial Conference to be held at St Margaret's College, 9-11 April. Most of the St Margaret's College buildings were destroyed in the big earthquakes of 2010 and 2011 and have been rebuilt. It is 10 years since our City was damaged and has been rebuilt but there are still areas that need to be restored and renewed.

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Let us rejoice that work on the reinstatement of Christ Church Cathedral in the Square has begun and we thank God for its restoration.

### **Our guest episcopal contributors:**

Our Diocesan bishops continue to honour us with their thoughtful articles. This issue features an article entitled 'Every reason to feel glum' written by retired Bishop Brian Carrell, who lives in Christchurch. Bishop Brian goes on to say, "It depends which way we look, what in the end matters most to us."

*(Full article on page 7.)*

### **Registration for NZAAW Conference is on-line at:**

[https://nzaaw\\_conference.eventbrite.co.nz](https://nzaaw_conference.eventbrite.co.nz)

## **Judith Mackenzie**

### **NZ AAW Conference 9-11 April 2021**

22nd Triennial Conference

**Venue:** St Margaret's College, Winchester Street, Christchurch

**Conference theme:** Renewal

**Speakers:** Interesting speakers talking about current issues.

**Workshops:** Linked to the theme of Conference.

**Registration:** [https://nzaaw\\_conference.eventbrite.co.nz](https://nzaaw_conference.eventbrite.co.nz)

*All welcome. Come and visit the Garden City from 9-11 April 2021*



*Dublin Bay*

# Bishop Brian reflects

## Every reason to feel glum



We are just back from a refreshing week in beautiful Arrowtown with its magical mountain

setting and serene windless days, the 50 shades of green and gold in its luxuriant foliage, whichever direction we turned. We go there each year. But this year it was different, markedly so. There were no streams of overseas tourists spilling off the footpaths. No tourist buses jostling for a parking space. Empty shops.

**For the business world there is every reason to feel glum. COVID-19 has cast its long shadow over even this remote corner of the globe.**

**And yet there is still so much to be thankful for, so much visually to lift**



**hearts and voices in praise. It depends which way we look, what in the end matters most to us.**

**When the Apostle Paul wrote his letter to the church in Philippi he had every reason to be glum. He had been imprisoned because of his religious activities.** There had been rancorous dissension and division within the ranks of the believers in Philippi. The future looked grim for Paul personally, the prospect of his own death very real.

**Yet he could end his epistle by writing: 'Finally, my brothers and sisters, rejoice**

in the Lord.’ And then a little later, as though to really drive the point home, ‘Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.’

**It may well be the calling of the Church in these dangerous times to set an example in reminding the world of the many good things of life we so easily overlook.**

One simple way to signal this could be to sometimes change the emphasis of the Prayers of the People in our Sunday liturgy so that we use the occasion to solely name with thanksgiving the many blessings we continue to enjoy, despite the deprivations of this deadly virus.



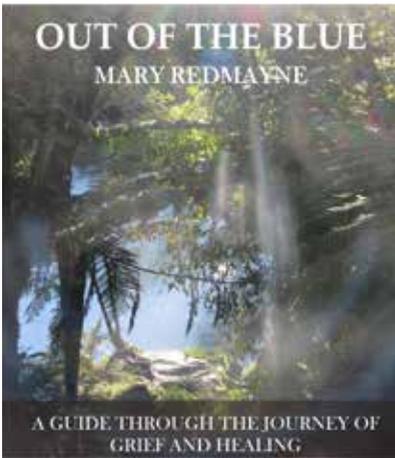
***In darkness and in light, in trouble and in joy, help us, Heavenly Father, to trust your love, to serve your purpose, and to praise your name, through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.***

# Catalyst Corner

## ***Out of the Blue: A Guide Through the Journey of Grief and Healing* by Mary Redmayne**

*This book arose out of the experience of losing a grandchild suddenly. My sister, a member of St Michael's Kelburn in Wellington, reflects on her own experience and hopes it will aid others through theirs.*

**Pip Harrison** (author's sister)



To find a way through the shatteringly painful and sudden loss of a loved one, perhaps especially someone young, is no easy thing. Through beautiful

photographs of the New Zealand bush, reflections, Bible verses and a playlist of music, Mary leads us along a path she has herself trodden. She doesn't presume to know the grief of others but does convey that we are not alone and shares her own discoveries.

The second half of the book offers sensory and meditative experiences to aid healing.

Bishop Eleanor Sanderson comments: "*Out of the Blue* has been such a blessing to read. It is a grace-filled gift. Mary shares her wayfaring

through grief with gentleness, insight, hope and honesty.”

*Out of the Blue* can be ordered by email at: mahara.press@gmail.com

Cost: \$24 + \$9 tracked posting within NZ. Profits go to Life Flight Trust.

***Grief Walk: Losing, Grieving, and Journeying on to Something New* by Alister Hendery**



Grief never makes sense. It is cruel and complex.

How do you face it, how do you support another, how do we lead people through these dark valleys?

Alister is an Anglican priest presently serving in Hawkes Bay with experience in Canterbury and Wellington. Loss and grief have been a special focus of his ministry for the past 40 years.

He has served as a parish priest and pastor, educator, counsellor, and specialised in funerals.

*Alister's books are available through Philip Garside Publishing, books@pgpl.co.nz*  
Cost: \$25 + p&p.

# Food parcels for Napier flood victims

**Shelley Vette**

In November 2020 chaos was caused in Napier by major flooding. Nearly 600 properties in Napier were given official flood damaged status and 115 properties were rendered uninhabitable.

**Young families living in low-lying areas such as Marewa were hit hard, so it was decided to allocate \$500 from the NZ AAW Emergency Fund to provide food parcels. This sum was later added to by a private donation to provide \$1,000 for food parcels.**

AAW Waiapu Diocesan Treasurer, Helen Blow, contacted Marewa Primary school who distributed the coupons for the food parcels to the grateful recipients.

Chris Meynell, Principal of

Marewa School, wrote in the school newsletter for December 2020: “I won’t dwell on the challenges that 2020 has thrown at Marewa. If there is one thing that we have learnt, it is that Marewa School and its community are resilient and are there for each other when it counts. The \$1,000 worth of vouchers to the School were able to be passed on to some of our whanau.”



*Helen handing the cheque to Chris Meynell, Marewa School Principal*

# Christian World Service supports families in COVID-19 crisis

## Gillian Southey, CWS

**With the spread of COVID-19, Christian World Service (CWS) partners had to go back to basics, as the communities where they work struggle with little employment, food or protection.**

**In Uganda** - Partners like Uganda's Centre for Community Solidarity are reaching some of the poorest rural families with sound medical advice. It has introduced foot operated handwashing machines to manage scarce water resources and continued a rainwater tank-building programme.

Fifty-six-year-old Claire is

excited about the year ahead. At the last meeting of her village association for caregivers of children orphaned



*Claire - Uganda*

by HIV and AIDS, she picked one of three rainwater tank cards available this year. With other members, she had been saving every penny to raise the NZ\$366 she needs to match the money donated by CWS supporters.

**Claire has already lost two of her grandchildren to illness and she is thankful the six that have survived, will no longer have to make**

**daily, long walks to collect rainwater.**

They will go to school and have time to help on the small banana plantation that supports them.

Work on her tank will begin in a few weeks, ahead of the March rains. Already she is collecting rocks for the foundation. **Rainwater on tap is an answer to her prayers and means her family will be better protected from COVID.**

**In Fiji** - For other CWS partners food has been the main concern. In Fiji, featured in last year's Christmas Appeal, the collapse of tourism has left around 50 percent of the population unemployed.



*Food Bank Garden - Fiji*

**Conference of Churches set up a Food Bank, growing food for those who are hungry, a model it wants to share.**

**In Palestine** - The Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees is encouraging refugees to help each other, sharing food, making masks, and good medical advice. With more donations, they could provide emergency grants to families from Syria and Palestine. **Director Dr Bernard Sabella says the medical clinics they run in Gaza and Jordan will not distribute the vaccines but focus on much needed primary health care services.**

**What we can do from New Zealand** - Donations to the Coronavirus Appeal will help families in need of food, healthcare and protection. 'Buying Water' will support **more tanks. Please pray for people vulnerable to hunger and COVID.**

More information: [cws.org.nz](http://cws.org.nz)

# Did you know...

## Ambae – Look how we helped... Shelley Vette

A successful graduation took place at St Patrick's College in November 2020 when 298 of the students graduated. This is a considerable achievement when all the events of last year, Cyclone Harold, COVID-19 and the resulting lockdown, are considered.

**The Academic Principal, Mrs Kathy Tahi, is to be congratulated in guiding the College through such a difficult year and maintaining the high academic reputation of St Patrick's College.**

Work on the girls' dormitories has continued with the materials which AAW has supplied. Insect screens are

vital in keeping out insects, especially mosquitoes which carry deadly malaria in Vanuatu. The girls' dormitories and classrooms now look much fresher and more attractive to intending students for 2021.

Our NZ AAW Project to help girls attending St Patrick's, which began in May 2019, officially finished 31 December 2020. **Many thanks to all AAW members and groups who have donated, or helped to raise money, for this worthy cause. Your support is much appreciated.**

*Photos (from Left): Insect screen, ceiling painting over the holidays, delighted graduates, graduation ceremony.*



# Tropical Cyclone Yasa

**Shelley Vette, Overseas & Outreach Convenor**

*(From the Anglican Missions newsletter):*

‘Tropical Cyclone Yasa hit Fiji 18 December 2020. The main impact was to Vanua Levu and Taveuni, where houses and crops were destroyed and roads and infrastructure either damaged or swept away. Around 7,500 people initially sheltered in 171 evacuation centres.

**The cyclone came as a triple blow for Fiji following the devastation caused by Cyclone Harold earlier last year and the near complete collapse of the international tourism sector as a result of COVID-19, which has had such a severe impact on incomes and livelihoods.**

We are delighted that Tearfund NZ, Anglican Overseas Aid and Anglican Board of Mission - Australia were keen to partner up with us on this Appeal.

To date we have distributed NZ\$35,301.’

National Director of Anglican Missions, Michael Hartfield, writes: ‘Sadly with the onset of climate change, these sorts of catastrophic weather-related events will become increasingly common in the Pacific, so we have several projects this year designed to build resilience, and ensure Pacific communities have the support they need to be well prepared.’

To donate visit:

<https://angmissions.org.nz>



### **Year-round Carol**

Let everyone sing, to the God we love,  
For there's a promise of hope and peace.  
When sun and stars and moon above,  
Bright light that shines, will never cease.  
The fig tree buds and leaves show green,  
And words of God are clearly heard.  
We'll praise His name to His face unseen,  
Give thanks for His everlasting word.

**Marilyn Dunn**

**Revised Words: Suzanne Stewart (2021)**

**(Tune: St Clement)**

*"I found this in the May 2019 Prayer Letter of the Association of Anglican Women, Diocese of Christchurch. I thought I would try to find a tune that would fit Marilyn Dunn's words. I have therefore revised her words, slightly, to fit the tune of St Clement."*

***Suzanne Stewart, organist, Heathcote-Mt Pleasant AAW***

# A Time for Me

## Mary Houston

The emergency doctor at the Health Centre swivelled round on his chair to face his computer. 'Right – Prednisone and Augmentin should do the trick,' he said.

'Will that mean I'll be grounded?' I asked.

'Grounded? Yes, for three days of complete rest then take it easy. Come back if you don't improve!'

All my life I have been used to moving on from one activity to the next. No time to be lazy, no time to be bored, no time to waste! From kindergarten through adulthood, I have lived by routines and timetables with 'NO messing around!'

But even in retirement I continued to multi-task, to keep diaries full. My idea of doing nothing, 'chilling out', was to potter in the garden, look after grandchildren, have

friends meet at our home, travel abroad... Watching television was always a time to knit, to embroider, do crosswords and puzzles...I even read books during ad breaks!

COVID-19 lockdown last year was my first experience of sitting in my little porch, doing nothing except smelling the roses both literally and figuratively. I loved it! Once back to almost reality I would sneak little 'times out' feeling guilty about doing so.

Amongst my friends I see many who are much like I am: so used to working - for family, for friends, for churches and organisations – that they forget to take time for themselves, time to mull over their past, celebrating what they have accomplished and not hanker to do more by trying to participate in everything going on around them. I am realising

that when life becomes a 'merry-go-round' we cannot stop or control, we must be brave, have faith in God and ourselves, let go and jump off.

Do not get me wrong – I do not propose to stop – that would be fatal. From now on I propose to mellow – somehow.

'Mellow' is such a lovely word, so rich, so fulfilling, so accepting, so...gentle. It makes me think of autumn, Keats's 'season of mists and mellow fruitfulness.' We may wonder, 'Where are the songs of Spring? Ay, where are they?'

But we should remember that mellow Autumn has its music too, and we should steep ourselves in that.

**A wise friend who is mellowing nicely has as her life-philosophy the words of Ecclesiastes Chapter 3 verses 1-8. There is, indeed, she finds, a season, a time for everything. But when pondering this text, she now adds a rider: 'And a time for me'.**



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# Auckland

## Margaret Rocard, Auckland AAW President

### **Auckland Diocesan AAW Executive Christmas Lunch, Takapuna**

The Auckland AAW Executive Committee shared a Christmas lunch together after their last meeting for 2020.

The table was decorated by Nan Woods and we enjoyed a time of good fellowship.

### **Margaret Rocard**



### **Bereavement notice:**

Daphne Margaret French  
18 May 1922 – 16 Sept 2020



Daphne was a founding member of AAW. She was Secretary to Jeanne Parr (AAW first National President), going on to be the Auckland Diocesan AAW President 1973-1975.

Prior to this she was the Fellowship President.

Daphne was living in Selwyn Village, Pt Chevalier and still loyally supported AAW by attending our annual luncheons there.

### **Barbara Dixon**



**St James' Ladies' Fellowship  
Mangere Bridge Auckland**

These teddies are waiting to go to Anglican Trust for Women and Children in time for Christmas.

They spent some time in my lounge having a teddy bears' picnic. They were knitted by one of our contacts who is 93 years old.

Our Group is looking forward to continuing our fellowship and friendship in 2021.

**Barbara Dixon**

# Christchurch

## St Martin's Spreydon AAW Group

**Chaplain Andrew McKerrow, NZ's 1st Horse Racing Chaplain, a humble man, spoke at our October meeting.** Although fairly short with obvious physical infirmities, he explained why he 'is the most privileged guy in the world'. He experienced an epiphany close to us here at St Martin's. He had wanted to leave school at 15 and his parents agreed, if he got a job. The first advert he read said 'Do you like working in the out-doors, do you like animals and are you under 55kgs?'

He applied for the job and got it. He then found out that it was as a jockey's apprentice. He said the only real thing he could qualify as was the under 55kgs. They put him on a horse (which he found alarming) gave him the instructions to pull up on the reins and the horse

would stop. To start moving he needed to press his heels into its side. Neither of which he could do, as one arm was very much shorter than the other, so the horse kept turning in a circle. He hadn't managed to make it move as his legs were atrophied and he just couldn't do it.

The horse was given a slap on the rump to start it and the poor horse couldn't go in a straight line - it was so funny watching him describe it. He told of his struggles and how God talked to him and how he became the Racing Industry's Chaplain.

***This was the best testimony that I have ever heard and really showed us that God moves in very odd ways.***

**Joan Kennaird, St Martin's Spreydon AAW Group**

## Halswell AAW Annual Carol Service – Judy Palmer, (Sec)

A number of invited AAW Groups in Christchurch attended our annual Carol Service 8 December 2020.

With the COVID-19 pandemic plus earthquake repairs to the church, we decided to forego the usual planned entertainment after the

service. However, we all enjoyed a sumptuous supper and good conversations, enriched by Elderflower cordial made by our leader - most refreshing on a warm evening.

*(Recipe on p34 - Ed)*



# Dunedin

## Christine Aitken, Dunedin AAW President



**Dunedin's Christmas function:** *From left, Kenzie Sutton, Rev Vivienne Galletley, Margaret Tegg, Carol Hurd, Bev Aitken and Diocesan President, Christine Aitken.*

Cake and coffee at the *Croc-o-dile* in the Botanical gardens. This was attended by a small group from various parishes. It was lovely time of catching up in a locked down year of COVID.

### **North Otago Christmas Break up at Totara Estate**

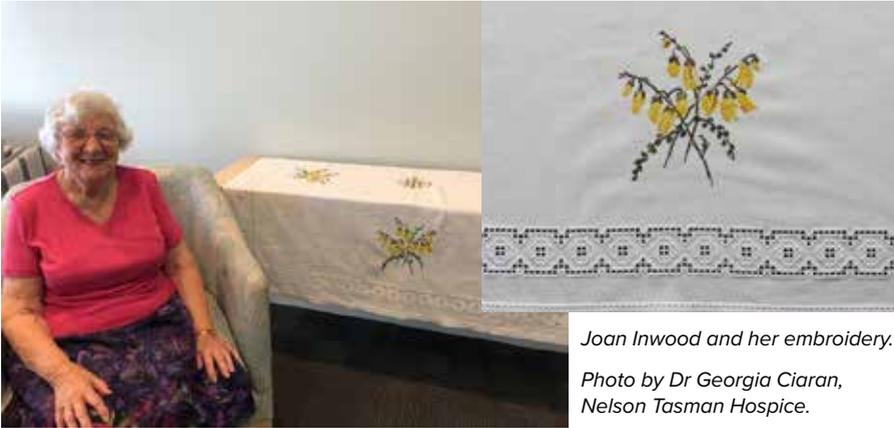
Our end of year break-up was at Totara Estate, Oamaru, 2pm Sunday 6 December. Annie Baxter, who runs the estate,

gave us a brief talk on the history when farming began at the large Totara Estate in the 1850s.

We sat down to a lovely afternoon tea. Our wonderful hostess kept our pots of hot water, coffee, sugar cubes replenished. There was a lovely warm fire burning as the day got cold. We left feeling very spoilt.

**Louise Wainman, St Luke's AAW**

# Nelson



*Joan Inwood and her embroidery.*

*Photo by Dr Georgia Ciaran,  
Nelson Tasman Hospice.*

**Richmond Holy Trinity Group** decided to donate towards a refectory table for the new Nelson/Tasman Hospice. One of our members, Joan Inwood, offered to make a cloth for it. Joan, a talented embroiderer, had already made a cloth in 1992 for our group meetings. She also made one in 2012 for Diocesan meetings. **After consultation with the Hospice Chaplain, she made this cloth which was given to them on Christmas Eve 2020.** All Joan's cloths are the same size with the same edging but

have different centrepieces.

## **Jan South**

**All Saints' Nelson AAW** had an evening of Double Dutch Drama for their September meeting - a new idea from one of our members. Two teams were each given a story to tell from a chosen book. We had to discuss how the drama would be presented and then had to act it out. The limited time for this made for some hilarious dramas. In October, Heather Thomas spoke to us

about ‘Telling stories of my family.’ Now that we are no longer writing letters to our family or keeping diaries, it means that our past is not being recorded so we need to make a point of telling the stories to people or make a written record.

For our Christmas meetings we had a joint meeting with our church Kids and Coffee Group, where we joined in various craft activities - flax decorations, making badges, icing Christmas biscuits and making Christmas decorations. These were then used on the Christmas tree which we put in the Nelson Cathedral display. Our final meeting was a service with a small, mimed play, *The Giving*.

### **Margaret Borcovsky**

### **Bereavement notice**



Pat Cogger (1927-2020) from Greymouth joined AAW when she retired from teaching. She was an energetic, passionate member who brought her many talents into the group. She led the Holy Trinity AAW Group for many years, was a regional leader and also the Diocesan President from 2003-2006.

Everyone enjoyed her sense of humour and encouraging ways. She wrote the most amazing skits; designed the Nelson Diocesan travelling banner plus one for Holy Trinity in Greymouth. She died aged 93 and is still sorely missed.

### **Diane Higgins, Nelson AAW**

# Polynesia

## Litia Smith, Circle Correspondent, Polynesia

God's blessings. Bula and greetings to you ladies. Suva Ovalau Archdeaconry started a one-week weaving workshop at St Luke's Parish on the 5-9 October. **Ladies from each parish brought their own pandana roll to learn weaving mats etc.**

Ladies left satisfied as now they are able to know how to

weave mats from the starting of weaving a mat to the finishing. We appreciate our Archbishop for putting on this workshop for us to come and learn and to get to know each other during the workshop.



# Waiapu

## Cynthia Prince, Waiapu AAW President

### A Happy New Year 2021!

What an incredible year 2020 was in so many ways. Because of COVID-19 we went into lock down with our borders closed to all but returning New Zealanders.

For those of us in the Waiapu diocese, the weekly Zoom reflections by Bishop Andrew Hedge bridged the gap. When we were finally able to meet physically again in our Parish Churches, with social distancing, as well as live streaming, it meant services met parishioners' needs.

COVID-19 meant the AAW Waiapu diocese AGM was cancelled from early May to 5 September. I was then finally able to distribute the AAW 50-year badges.

The Waiapu Diocesan Synod was held over the weekend of 31 October/1 November. It began with a celebration

of 25 years of St Matthew's School (Hastings) and we gave thanks for its life over the past 25 years. An 'attitude of gratitude' pervaded the sermon and Bishop Andrew led Communion, where we said:

<i>For bringing us together in love</i>	<i>Thank you</i>
<i>For feeding us with your life</i>	<i>Thank you</i>
<i>For forgiving us</i>	<i>Thank you</i>
<i>For sending us out to love others</i>	<i>Thank you</i>

**St Luke's, Rotorua** finished the year 2020 with a luncheon at Parksyde attended by fifteen members.

At our November AGM Jennifer Weaver retired as Leader after ten years' service. She was presented with a 28 certificate from the Diocesan President and a bouquet from our group. During her tenure

she supported and cared for a membership that has not declined significantly despite ageing. During the COVID-19 lockdown she made sure members were kept in touch either by phone or email. Pat de Carteret's contribution over many years was also recognised. Pat Gellatly was voted in as the new Leader, with a desire to fill this role,

having been a member of AAW for over 20 years.

We look forward to meeting together in fellowship in the year ahead, with a new committee, achieving our aims as best we can.

**Pat Gellatly, AAW Rotorua**



*Jennifer Weaver and Pat Gellatly*

# Waikato & Taranaki

## Norma Benton, Waikato & Taranaki Diocesan Representative



*Back row from left: Diane Higgins, Norma Benton, Joan Honeyfield. Front: Shirley Caudwell, Virginia Wells, Rosemary Bent*

### Turn of the century

Early November last year, during the Taranaki Garden Festival, six ex-members of the NZ AAW Executive met for dinner in New Plymouth. During the term 1998-2001, Shirley Caudwell was Circle Editor, Joan Honeyfield was NZ Treasurer, Rosemary Bent was NZ AAW Overseas & Outreach Convenor, Diane Higgins was Nelson Diocesan President, and I was NZ AAW President. A member of the Circle team, Virginia Wells, was also present. Judy O’Keeffe, NZ AAW Secretary

during that time, was unable to attend.

It all came about when Shirley and Diane were in New Plymouth for the Garden Festival, and each invited me to dinner – unknown by the other. I decided to combine the dinner with Shirley’s suggestion that there might be others – and there were: you can imagine the catching up we had!! A wonderful time together.

We have all made such wonderful friendships through AAW. Maybe others have stories like ours.

# Wellington

## Pat Vincent, President of St John's/St Michael's AAW Group



*50-year award recipients at St John's, Feilding.*

**Paraparumu/Feilding:**  
*There were two Wellington Diocese Advent celebrations, one held in the north of the region and the other in the south.*

Not only was the season of Advent celebrated but 46 dedicated AAW members were presented with the 50-year badges – awarded to the women who joined AAW as foundation members in 1969, and have remained

members up until the 50th Jubilee in 2019.

**St John's Feilding** hosted the northern Advent Service at which the Rev. Sarah McMenamin officiated. At the conclusion of the service Sarah blessed the AAW 50-year badges, which were then presented to 17 members by the Wellington Diocesan President Mary Driver.

Among the members and guests was Patricia Wells,



*Patricia Wells, daughter Catherine and son Senior Constable Allan Wells.*

daughter Catherine and son Senior Constable Allan. Allan caused quite a stir arriving at morning tea in his police uniform. The room went quiet and he said he had had a complaint about all the noise, which turned into raucous laughter when they realised who he was. Catherine said it was an honour to see their mother and the other ladies receive their 50-year badges. The fellowship enjoyed by all at morning tea and lunch, was a worthy way of preparing for Christmas.

Congratulations and thanks go to those wonderful women who have given 50 years of service to the AAW.

### **Diana Maunder**

#### **St Paul's, Paraparaumu**

hosted the southern areas' 9 December Advent Service. This was a very well attended event with over 70 members present. Following a potluck lunch, members adjourned to the church for the Advent Service which was led by Rev. Julia Rokotakala. The service culminated in the presentation



*50-year award recipients at St Paul's, Paraparaumu.*

of the AAW 50-year badges to 29 women from the southern region of the Wellington Diocese (Photo above).

**Bereavement notice:**



Eileen Imlach was a foundation member of AAW. She was President of the Wellington Diocese from 2005-2008,

She went on to become NZ Social Concerns Convenor

from 2009 – 2012. Eileen was direct and decisive, making her an ideal advocate for social justice for all. She was a JP. In 2005 Eileen was awarded a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit (MNZM) for services to the community in nursing and the National Council of Women NZ (NCWNZ). She was also awarded a Bishop's medal for her work with AAW.

**Pat Vincent, St John's/St Michael's AAW Group**

**St James's Women's Group, Lower Hutt**

Our end-of-year celebrations: Mary Driver presented 50-year badges to Leila

Pilkington and Pamela Cook.  
Our group generously contributed goods year-long to the Lower Hutt Foodbank, despite COVID-19.

**A colourful woollen rug made by a small group of members for the Wellington City Mission, was blessed.**

There were two surprise guests, Brenda Kenworthy and Zoe, her big Black Russian Terrier who visit people in hospitals and rest-homes.

Thanks were given to those who had maintained the enthusiasm of the group – especially Sue Barlow’s weekly newsletters sent out during periods of lockdown. We celebrated everybody’s birthday. It was a wonderful afternoon celebrating the important role that AAW Groups have in maintaining the life and vitality of their parishes.

**Mary Houston**

*Left: Pamela Cook and her 50 year badge. Right: the rug made for the Wellington City Mission.*



# Recipe

## Elderflower cordial

*The sweetly scented, creamy-white flowers of the elder tree appear in abundance at the beginning of summer. The fresh flowers make a terrific aromatic cordial. They are best gathered just as the many tiny buds are beginning to open, and some are still closed. Gather on a warm, dry day (never when wet), checking the perfume is fresh and pleasing. Trees do differ and you will soon get to know the good ones. Remember to leave some flowers for elderberry picking later in the year.*

**Ingredients:** (Makes about 2 litres)

- About 25 elderflower heads
- Finely grated/peeled zest of 3 unwaxed lemons and 1 orange, plus their juice (about 150ml in total)
- 1kg sugar
- 1 heaped tsp citric acid (optional)

**Method:** Inspect the elderflower heads carefully and remove any insects.

*Place* the flower heads in a large bowl together with the orange and lemon zest.

*Bring* 1.5 litres water to the boil and pour over the elderflowers and citrus zest. Cover and leave overnight to infuse.

*Strain the liquid* through a scalded jelly bag or piece of muslin and pour into a saucepan. Add the sugar, the lemon and orange juice and the citric acid (if using).

*Heat gently* to dissolve the sugar, then bring to a simmer and cook for a couple of minutes.

*Use a funnel* to pour the hot syrup into sterilised bottles. Seal the bottles with swing-top lids, sterilised screw-tops or corks.

**Serving suggestions:** Add a splash or two, undiluted, to fruit salads or anything with gooseberries or dilute one part cordial to two parts water for fragrant ice lollies. Refreshing drink if served with Soda Water.

**Halswell/River Cottage**

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