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From Our President

Dear Friends,
I do hope you are managing to keep warm this winter. Thoughts and prayers are with all those



who have been affected by storms and really bad weather to date. I must say that down here in Dunedin it is hard to decide what season it is as we have only had one snow day and not very many frosts. The spring flowers are in bloom already.

Plans continue with a programme for the Tri-ennial Conference in Dunedin 2-5th October 2015. The basics have been completed. We have confirmation of some speakers and workshop people. All is looking good so we do hope that a good number of you will be able to join us. We will be at St Hilda's Collegiate school and the only stairs you will encounter will be going down to workshops. Everything else is on one level.

I look forward to maybe meeting some of you before conference. Please remember I cannot just turn up to your Group I have to be invited by the Diocesan Presidents.

With best wishes.

Margaret McLarachan

NZ AAW President

From Bishop Richard



“As they were walking”.....

The Bishops seem to have a thing about walking!

Bishop Kelvin recently walked the length of his

Diocese – Bishop Justin has just walked the Carmina di Compostelo – a walk that Bishop Victoria is also very familiar with. Five years ago I walked the boundaries of this Diocese to celebrate our sesqui-centennial 1000kms over 40 days! Every day there was a ‘wow’ moment when I was so aware of the presence and power of God. Yet none of these moments were significant in themselves and more than likely would have been missed if I hadn’t taken the time to step out of the normal routine of ministry and go walking. But I also became more and more aware of the little phrase that is repeated several times, in one form or another, throughout the Gospels: ‘as they were walking.’

There is absolutely no doubt that some of the most profound encounters found in the Gospels took place as Jesus and the disciples were walking in and around the countryside and towns of Galilee; through the region of Samaria; and in and around the city of Jerusalem. They came across people who had been

ostracised from their communities and from their families because they suffered from leprosy; because they were paralysed; because they had been bleeding for years; because they were plagued by demons; because they were despised neighbours.

It’s also true, of course, that as they were walking they encountered opposition from the religious hierarchy of the day who questioned their motives and their message.

I guess there’s a danger of making too much of this little phrase but I’m not so sure because I sometimes wonder if we’ve lost the ability or the motivation to walk among the people as Jesus and the disciples did.

A church that is maintaining the institution is a church with an inward focus whereas a missional church gets out and goes walking. In this day and age an institutional church’s greatest tools for ministry are the computer and the office desk while a missional church buys walking shoes. An institutional church sets up social service structures and pays professionals to respond to the needs of the community. A missional church gets out, meets the community. An institutional church does evangelism by advertising its programmes. A missional church does it through relationship – it goes walking.

Memorial window

in
**St John's church,
Westport**

(featured on the front cover)

This stained glass window in the Sanctuary of St John's Church Westport was presented by the Morley family in 1926 who were parishioners. The window was made in England and dedicated at a service held on Sunday 25th February 1926. It is in memory of the late John Hedley Morley who owned the Morley and Co brewery.

John Morley was born in Hunslets Leeds Yorkshire, and came to NZ in 1879. He married Bessie Beaumont in 1880. In 1910 he purchased the Union Brewery and the Kawatiri Aerated factory and combined them to form the company Morley and Co.

He died in December 1921 aged 62 years.



The Shed

In 1999 The Anglican Church of Greymouth and Kumara appointed a Youth worker named Nicky Mora. Her husband Tim had just arrived in the parish as a trainee priest and both had had experience in youth-work. Under their joint leadership the youth group grew and expanded into a community based youth project for the young people of the Grey District with administration and oversight support provided from the church.

Tim and Nicky's property included an old furniture factory. Visualising the potential for a youth centre the church bought it. Tim applied his handyman skills and with lots of help, grants, donations and resources the old factory was developed in to a fully lined, insulated space where youth can mix and mingle safely including rooms with a large range of possible activities. A

computer network, the ability to screen movies, table tennis, a pool table, table soccer, a mini basketball court and gym with equipment, a music area, an art room and outside a sports field, mini golf and a fire pit are some of the many things to keep young people occupied.

With a team of young people being trained in leadership, gaining first aid certificates, and then giving them responsibility they offer a wide range of experiences for youth.

They run a Friday Night social and recreational programme for around 60 plus youth every week, organise Youth camps and teach bush skills. To instil a sense of community awareness and social conscience spare change is collected on Friday nights to help with their support of overseas cataract operations and a sponsored child through



World Vision. They collect food for the local food bank, coordinate with the local High school for the 40hr famine and participate in community initiatives.

The aim is to provide a holistic approach to youth work by seeking to create a sense of community amongst young people at multiple levels not just sport.

Courtesy Venerable Tim Mora and The Shed website.



Overseas and Outreach

by Mary Estcourt

Here are highlights of my Annual report that will be presented at the NZ AAW AGM in August. I thought you all might like to see what we have done over the past 12 months.

Most of these happenings are over and above our normal giving to all our Mission Partners.

The following is to tell you how we spend the seeding grant and also the Emergency fund.

As you can see it is all put to good use.

Seeding funding:

VERONICA'S PLACE, SEPTEMBER 2013

(seeding funding 2012)

Our young mums love the chance to get out with their babies and to be made a fuss of.

Some activities we've tried this term include:

1. On Thursdays each fortnight, Diane and Bryan Taylor run a budgeting course mixed in with some games.

2. Also every (other) fortnight (on a Tuesday), Yvette Chard (with one or some of her wonderful children) come for a meal and then play games for an hour or so.

THE NEW WAVES PROGRAMME:

The New Waves programme is to help young people in the 10 – 24 year

age group affected by circumstances beyond their control. \$1000 is to be given to the New Waves Programme as outlined in their application.

Emergency Funding:

IN SEDDON:

We have allocated \$2000 to Rev Jude Denton to assist with her work as Children and Family Ministry Co-ordinator. This is to help with her work after the recent earthquakes where she gave out gift packs to all the primary school age children.

SYRIA:

We allocated \$2000 for relief work in Syria and had the following from Jolene after I told her about this :

“Thank you so much for thinking of my work in the Middle East with Syria refugees. The emergency work that the money could go towards would be food parcels, or nappies, or children’s gifts. At present we use donation money to buy those things to take on house visits. We usually spend about 40 to 50 nzd on a visit.

EGYPT:

We are also allocating \$1000 emergency fund to our Mission Partner in Egypt.

This morning, I visited El Kanater Prison with our Prison Ministry team. I

learnt of an urgent need for us to bring medicine for them. The other ministry team used to bring this, but they have no funds available, and the prisoners need medicine urgently.

Money has also been sent to CWS for work in the Solomon Islands and we will allocate extra to our Partners

FROM CWS NEWSLETTER:

AAW Solomons Flood Relief Funds:
\$1,000 for SOM & \$1,000 for CSC (& \$2,000 for the Relief Appeal)

*Here is part of the acknowledgment email from Sister Kathleen CSC. I want on behalf of the Sisters say thank you so much for the money you sent to help us with the flood..... We visit the camps, counseling and give food and shelter to families who have been affected in the flood. So thank you very much for your help, support and prayers
God bless!*

Sr Kathleen Kapei CSC

PHILIPPINES:

Many of you asked what AAW was doing about the havoc caused by the recent deadly typhoon to hit the Philippines. AAW Nationally responded immediately with a \$2000 donation from the Emergency O&O Fund.

SAMOA:

Rev Mike Hawke of the Anglican Missions Board showed me a clip of a group of women in Samoa thanking us

for our support.

TONGA:

We have sent some Emergency Funding and as assessments of the needs there are being made will be able to allocate some more.

Messages and newsletters continue to arrive from many of our partners.

Kurunagala thanking us for our ongoing assistance

Boulaq Centre (where Madam Ansaf was). The Centre sends regular newsletters reporting on their work.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA:

Sister Beverley told me of the celebrations they are preparing to hold in September this year to celebrate 50 years of work in their community

In one of her letters she says that she would like to come to our next conference.

We are working with her on this.

Other:

I have visited two groups: one in Kati-kati and one in Waikanae.

I have also been to three Diocesan meetings; Nelson, Dunedin and Wellington at all meetings learning more about our Mission Partners.

Social Concerns

by Pip Harrison

The National Council of Women has sent out a swag of remits for us to consider this year – eleven of them! Their number and content remind us of the concerns New Zealand women have about our life together here. From consideration of the early enrolment of young pregnant women with maternal care services and of current abortion law and practice, through to staffing of our aged care homes and the funding of elder abuse services, they cover the span of life. They seek to protect our young (and especially our young women) by way of a universal child allowance, an industry code to present realistic body shapes in advertising and the media, providing for better sexuality and reproductive health education making the reduction of self-harming and suicide a national health priority the screening and treatment of women in prison for mental illnesses raising the minimum legal age of marriage to 18 and to promote the elimination of discrimination against women by encouraging the Government to take more notice of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), of which New Zealand is a signatory.

Thank you for the time and attention given to the remits; I will cast your vote in October. While we figure out what the best legislative approach to these topics is – what the Government should do – I am reminded once again of Ghandi's saying, "Be the change you want to see." If we wish to live in a society where people are valued and cherished from before birth

until they die, we must do (and be prepared to receive) that valuing and cherishing. Jesus said, "So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets." (Matthew 7:12). It is not that laws are unnecessary but rather that our own attitudes and actions can be the very breathing out of God's Spirit in the world.

I was reminded of this at a recent talk about euthanasia given by Dr John Kleinsman of the Roman Catholic Bioethics Council and Professor Emeritus David Richmond. Two particular points are relevant here; one was that the debate is being carried out in the main in white, first-world societies. Cultures which cherish their elderly within the family setting are not debating this topic. Secondly, a recent study found that nearly half the people requesting physician assisted suicide in Oregon, USA, where it has been legalised, did so because of social isolation. Not one did because of unbearable pain. Both speakers called for a more compassionate society.

It is so encouraging to belong to an organisation where members support worthwhile, practical projects in their own communities and abroad; where older members are kept in touch; where each one is valued and values others. May we continue to spread this influence through our groups, our churches, our families and our communities.

We hold each others' lives in our hands. May we do it well.

Mothers' Union

by Rosemary Bent

Congratulations to the Rev Iritana Hankins who begins her second three year term of office on Mary Sumner Day, 9 August.

In June the MU Provincial Council met together for the first time since June 2011 and gave an opportunity for members to meet each other. The Pacific was represented by Archdeacon Tai from Samoa where there are a few MU members. The time together began with the MU/AAW Quiet Day held at St John's College on the feast of Corpus Christi. The Revd Katene led the day beginning in the chapel. After lunch he took us through the "lectio divina" way of Bible study- something new to many of the women present.

Friday was very busy with a full agenda including Iritana's 20/20 vision - how do we see Mothers' Union members' involvement with our community in the light of our Aim and Objectives, Leadership training, passing on information about Overseas Projects MU is involved in, and preliminary arrangements for the next MU Conference in 2016.

The MU Worldwide President, Lynne Tembey has accepted an invitation to visit New Zealand in May next year. Plans are under way to arrange her itinerary which will include a visit to Tonga to meet with MU members there.

Wellington MU members are looking at a new project and have started fund raising for Away from it All Holidays. These holidays give families under stress an opportunity to get away from home with MU making arrangements for accommodation

and other expenses. There is also a helping hand with baby sitting or whatever else might be needed to allow a family to relax.

Auckland groups continue to provide knitting and sewing for various hospitals and the ATWC.

Christchurch membership is small but they continue to meet on a regular basis and continue with earthquake recovery.

Waikato and Taranaki: St Mary's New Plymouth branch had a visit from the manager of New Waves in May and presented her with a gift of money received from a bequest left to them by a member. They also gave a substantial amount of baking. Three new members were Admitted in June and the St Peter's Cathedral branch hopes to re-open later this year with several new members waiting to be admitted.



MU Executive L to R: Carole Graham; Joan Nield, Diane Chapman, Rosemary Bent, Iritana Hankins, Margaret Wilson, Tai, Heather Dawson

Dunedin Diocese

ST JOHN'S AAW EVENING GROUP QUIZ NIGHT

In May the St John's evening AAW group held a very successful Quiz night. 16 teams of 4 to 6 people thoroughly enjoyed pitting their brains against the excellent quiz questions prepared by Quizmaster Rodney Bryant. Members of AAW provided baking and other raffle prizes. In all, \$1,000.00 was raised for the Christian Care Centre project in the Solomon Islands.

Amongst the brainteasers were.... Which is the longest Gospel? What is Sir Edmund Hillary's middle name?

ST JOHN'S AAW AFTERNOON GROUP

St John's AAW Afternoon Group recently enjoyed lunch at Cableways.

HOLY TRINITY GORE AAW

Holy Trinity Gore AAW made Palm Crosses for Palm Sunday at the April meeting and in May we enjoyed our guest speaker, Jim Creighton with his presentation – 'How to take a good digital photo and what to do with it'.

A THOUGHT FROM SOUTHLAND AAW'S RECENT NEWSLETTER:

The mission of a Women's Group is the spiritual formation of women by fostering in them a greater desire to know, love, and serve God. As a community of women rooted in our faith, we offer opportunities to deepen our relationship with God, develop relationships with other women in order to support our spiritual growth, and manifest our love for God by serving God's people.



Quiz Night at St John's Dunedin



At the April Meeting the Holy Trinity AAW in Gore were busy making palm crosses.

Christchurch Diocese

REMITTS GATHERING FOR CHRISTCHURCH DIOCESAN AAW, TUESDAY 1-7-2014

St Christopher's Avonhead AAW were hosts. Please imagine 5 round tables well spaced, numbered 1-5. Each has 9 chairs. 45 AAW members were given numbers 1-5. Each table had a scribe and an NCW remit leader whose job it was to deal with the same 2 Remits at each table. Every 20 minutes this leader moved to next table and so it continued. All remits were discussed, with Remit 10 Abortion Law bringing to a close our Remits. Each remit was voted on and comments noted. Then we shared lunch and fellowship, as we had deepened our knowledge of one another during the previous discussion on so many topics.

It was a big ask trying to do justice to 11 remits. Wisdom and humour prevailed, thank goodness. Members were open, caring, and in many cases,

tried to understand the complexities of most of the remits. Questions were asked – suggested research resources should be mentioned in each remit. Going online is helpful, but requires a lot of time; however, we need to be alive to the needs of others.

Alison Jephson, Director of Anglican Living in the diocese, spoke to us

about Remit 1: Aged Care – Staffing Levels.. She volunteered to speak, so strongly does she see the need for AAW to understand the needs of elderly residents. If one is dying, it is not likely they need outings to give them quality of life – commonsense has to prevail. Asking what the resident would like is vital; as Alison said

the day is coming when a resident will be asked: "What time would you like breakfast?"

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Patricia Owen

Diocesan Social Concerns Convener

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Nelson Diocese

by Diane Higgins

AGM AND FESTIVAL

Friendships were renewed and new ones made at the Nelson AAW AGM and Festival in Greymouth over a lovely meal. After dinner five groups competed for the Audrey Landel's Rosebowl. After an hilarious evening the Rosebowl was won by Holy Trinity Richmond with a skit called "Happiness in God's World."

Next morning Bishop Richard chaired the AGM when the guest speaker was Mary Estcourt the NZ Convenor for O&O. She spoke of her lifelong interest in Missions. She then spoke about our mission partners and what some of them were doing with their grants.

Peter White from the Greymouth parish then spoke of the trips groups from their church had made to Watoto in Uganda. He showed pictures of the

different groups building classrooms, babies homes and houses. He spoke of the Living Hope Centre where young, abused, Aids affected women are rescued from the bush and looked after - it was an eye-opener to most.

At the Commissioning Communion service Revd Marge Tefft spoke on the theme of Home Missions.

HOLY TRINITY RICHMOND AAW

The ladies enjoyed a talk by Judy Perry, a parishioner who lived and worshipped in Bermuda for 35 years. She went there from England as a nurse and married a Bermudian. The local church she worshipped at was 400 years old. She learned how precious water was. All houses had to harvest the roof water and store it in tanks under the house. After her husband died she joined her son in NZ.



Mary Estcourt, NZ O & O, with Evelyn Nixon, AAW Nelson President, at the AGM and Festival.

THE NELSON EXECUTIVE

met at Teapot Valley Christian Camp to hold an overnight meeting. Members from Motueka, Richmond, Stoke and Waimea joined them for the afternoon programme of a thought provoking quiet time run by Joy Wasley. This was followed by a Craft Circle where all sorts of crafts were displayed and admired including quilting, embroidery, knitting, and lovely icing flowers.

Tips and patterns were exchanged. After dinner items were produced to entertain and the day visitors left for home. Next morning Revd Martin Harrison started the day with a moving Communion service which included a symbolic washing away of sins by washing hands and face with face flannels warmed in the microwave – a first for the camp microwave.



Top: Cathedral AAW taking part in the Audrey Landel's Rosebowl.

Left: The winners-Richmond AAW with President Evelyn Nixon, Bishop Richard and adjudicator Lexia Copp.



Right: At Teapot Valley Joy Wasley is thanked by Pip Fairbrass.

Wellington Diocese

WELLINGTON DIOCESAN AAW
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 24
MAY 2014

*Guest Speaker: Very Rev.
Digby Wilkinson, Dean of
Wellington Cathedral*



Very Rev. Digby Wilkinson

After introducing himself with some personal stories nicely spiced with humour, Digby moved to his topic: “Issues facing the Anglican

Church today.” Based on census figures our numbers are declining, but more important than that is how many are **active** in the churches. Growth patterns change, but God doesn’t. We are called to be faithful where we are. The biggest current issue is the church’s attitude to same sex relationships, a divisive issue, where passions run high. How can we hang together over the next five years? Jesus says we must love

one another – though we don’t have to **like** each other. Agape love requires us to treat everyone with respect and care, even if we don’t agree with them.

MISSION DAY AT ST MARGARET’S TAIHAPE

Forty three women and one man from Levin to Raetihi gathered for this much anticipated annual event in May. George Turney, the guest speaker told of his youth in Northern England on a small farm. A visit to New Zealand eventually had him return there to work on a property in Taihape which gave him an appreciation of the potential of the land. Eventually George and his wife Diana bought 4 hectares and developed an asparagus farm now grown to 165 hectares. The 44 pickers come from the outer islands of Vanuatu where they pick each morning and pack each afternoon for the New Zealand market. The money they earn is banked and goes home with them. Accommodation is provided and when possible attendance at churches in Taihape is appreciated, as is their joyous singing. A service was held in the lovely church of St Margaret and a delicious soup lunch ended the day.

Rural Women at Kapiti Regional Meeting

Speakers at the Kapiti Regional Lunch on Saturday 7th June were Jackie Edkins and Noeline Holt, executive members of Rural Women NZ in Wellington told members that 86% of rural people have no connection with farms.

Noelene began by explaining that Rural Women NZ is a charitable, membership based organization which offers support to people in rural communities in a multitude of ways which includes, learning opportunities, advocacy, rural health, education, social issues and leadership. There is the support of research in Leptospirosis in dairy herds, sheep and deer.

Jackie then followed on by describing her concerns about the speed at which traffic pass school buses which have stopped to set pupils down. Hopefully by education, engineering and enforcement improvements will come to fruition.

Fund raising activities take place - one of these is the AFTER SOCKS ...red and black striped socks for after the Christchurch earthquake. The latest fund raiser is a lovely cookery book containing 500 recipes tested in rural kitchen all over the country. Have a look at these and lots more on www.ruralwomen.org.nz.



Diocese of Waikato and Taranaki

Judy Riddell, Circle Convenor.

AGM, 17TH MAY 2014

President Ruth Riddell welcomed 38 members from all parts of the Diocese to Saint Mary's Cathedral. We spent the hour before lunch studying reports and financial statements. The Venerable Jacquie Paterson of Holy Trinity, Fitzroy, very ably chaired our AGM which began at 1 pm. There was discussion on reducing Link positions to two - one for Waikato and one for Taranaki; also to try replacing Link meetings with AAW Days, something like Patronal Festivals or Ladies Days for 12 months to see if we are happy with a different format. Taranaki groups have found

these options work well for them and get good numbers at their gatherings. Ruth Riddell reiterated that we need to change to effect growth, instead of stagnating by staying the same. Ruth also asked for the mandate to do everything we could to try and increase our membership. This would include finding resources for Parenting, Relationships and perhaps Divorce Care. These would appeal to a younger age groups. We have agreed to set up a working group to look at these issues.

We had free time to explore New Plymouth before meeting for dinner at 6 pm. in the Hatherly Hall. After a



delicious meal our guest speaker was Julie Thomas, an AAW member from Cambridge. She is the author of the book 'The Keeper of Secrets', the story of a violin's journey from the Holocaust to the present day. She also gave us a taste of the sequel.

We then gathered in the chapel of St. Mary's for Night Prayer led by The Venerable Jacquie Paterson. This was a moving experience with the beautiful words from The New Zealand Prayer Book, our unaccompanied singing, soft lighting and quietness surrounding us.

Holy Communion at St. Mary's on Sunday morning commenced with our Banner Parade. The service was followed by morning tea, giving us a chance to mix with the parishioners. Then it was time to return to our homes with new ideas for the future.

**ST PETER'S
ANGLICAN CHURCH,
KATIKATI**

Katikati AAW had a "High Tea" to celebrate their Patronal Festival at St Peter's Church. Sixty

ladies, some from Cambridge and Waihi, together with ladies from other local churches joined together in their Royal finery. Following a Communion Service in the Historic Church (130 years old this month) they partook with fine china, a lovely afternoon tea.



Waiapu Diocese

ALL SAINTS TARADALE AAW

All Saints Taradale AAW held an afternoon tea for our Octogenarians on Thursday 5th June. We had 8 guests aged from 90 to 98 years.

They were entertained by the Taradale primary school Glockenspiel group followed by afternoon tea of pikelets, sandwiches and cup cakes. The china

cups and saucers were brought out and set on tables covered with lace tablecloths. Tea was served from silver teapots.

One of our guests survived the collapse of the Napier Technical College in the 1939 earthquake. A number of the pupils were not so lucky.



ST ANDREW'S, TAUPO AAW

On a beautiful afternoon in May, our AAW hosted a tea party, held at Trixie and Rex Tindell's home. A gold coin donation raised over \$100 for our Overseas and Outreach project in Papua New Guinea. Members were greeted with a sherry or fruit juice, followed by a delicious afternoon tea served on tiered cake stands and tea and coffee served in fine bone china cups and saucers.

During the afternoon we were entertained with a delightful bracket of English folk songs by a talented vocalist

Glenda Drake. We all agreed it was a very pleasant and enjoyable afternoon. Glenda, who has recently moved from Wellington where she trained St Marks School Choir, is in the process of establishing a Boys Choir in Taupo. Numbers are small at the moment, but enthusiasm and practice are starting to bring results. Our AAW is supporting them in any way possible (young boys enjoy eating). We are all looking forward to hearing them sing during some of our Church Services.

**ST GEORGE AND ST JOHN'S
WHAKATANE – 60 YEARS OF
WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

In February we shared the joy of receiving a 60th birthday card from a foundation member of this fellowship. Mrs Beverley Wallace, now living in Napier, was reminding us to celebrate the formation of our group, which began in March 1954.

We marked the occasion at our meeting on Thursday 10th April 2014. Many of the women who had been part of this fellowship over the 60 years have now passed on. Their contributions were remembered with thanks, praise

and gratitude. Despite apologies from a number of invited past members, we had a gathering of 26, including three women in their 90's.

The afternoon began with a prayer followed by a reading, apologies, and some snippets received from people unable to attend were read out. There was then much reminiscing, along with reading past minute books and looking at photographs. Afternoon tea was served, followed by our 94 year old Joan Herman, cutting the birthday cake. The afternoon closed with the Grace and a group photograph.

Do You Think...?

Should there be hymns associated with professions, trades and recreational activities?

For example:

Builders - The Church's One Foundation

Census workers – All People That on Earth do Dwell

Dentists – Crown Him with many Crowns

Golfers – There is a Green Hill Far away

Farmers – We Plough the Fields and Scatter the Good Seed on the Land

Can you think of any others?

Auckland Diocese

ST STEPHEN'S WHANGAPARAOA

At St Stephen's Whangaparaoa AAW recently the focus has been on Mission in many ways. At the June meeting our invitation to a shared meal was extended not only to men and women of our own congregation, but also to other churches in the area. We came to hear Kate Mato speak about life in Kondoia, where we have a long time interest having sent a small teaching team there last year and expect to accept Bishop Given's invitation to return this year. It was a very touching message that spoke to our hearts as we heard about the joy amidst such difficult circumstances. Seeing women and girls carrying water for five kilometres or more each day, or several times a day, was a wake-up call for all of us whose main concern about water might be "is there enough in the tank?" Kate also spoke to the congregations on Sunday and offerings toward the building of water tanks were taken up.

We were also privileged to have Barbara Dixon, our Diocesan O&O Convenor as our guest that night, so it was a double blessing indeed as Barbara shared about the work going on around the Diocese. Mission in the form of prayer shawls continues to flourish and another eight were blessed at the June meeting.

Mission in service at Mainly Music and the Selwyn Centre was captured

in the kitchen snap as AAW members cheerfully prepared morning tea for more than 30 older men and women who come each Friday morning.

Jan Watson

AAW MEMBERS AT THE ANGLICAN TRUST FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN

Members of St. Aidan's Association of Anglican Women's Fellowship group provide help at the Anglican Trust for Women and Children's Granger Grove. People from various parishes go once a fortnight with dinner for the mothers and their children. They usually stay and have the meal with them. Grace is said before the meal and after, one of the mothers gives a vote of thanks, which is much appreciated.

Granger Grove is a residential parenting programme taking up to nine women and their pre-school children who often number more than ten.

During the day, the mothers are involved in sessions such as therapeutic art, music/ movement, family violence, attachment and parenting classes and also individual or parent and child therapy. They also develop or improve their practical skills such as cooking, cleaning, budgeting and various other important areas. Their stay at Granger Grove is full of challenges and hard work.

Many of these clients may not have had a good home life and sometimes they are learning to undo past habits.

It is a great credit to the Supervisor, Lorri and her staff who work with the mothers, setting goals and coaching for behaviour changes to meet those goals. Outside there is a garden, where the mothers are encouraged to grow vegetables such as silver beet, carrots, parsley and mint.

After achieving progress and meeting their goals, which may take up to nine months, the mothers move to one of the houses on site, and there they cook, clean and shop for themselves, but still with support. Budgeting skills become more important during this time. The fact that these mothers learn so very

thoroughly, is borne out by the fact that they have a good success rate. May God bless them all.

Janice Cooper

TAKAPUNA

Takapuna AAW made a delightful visit to Woodville, a 10 acre property in Coatesville, a rural suburb of Auckland. Christine and Tony Peek welcomed the group of 17 on a glorious warm autumn morning. Plans are already being made for a visit in spring to see the different aspects that the seasons offer.

Betty Chicken



*Top left:
Prayer shawls*

*Top right:
AAW members
preparing
morning tea*

*Bottom:
Takapuna
AAW visit to
Woodville*



Quiet Day

The Mothers' Union and AAW Quiet Day at St John's Theological College, Meadowbank 19 June 2014

All who attended were embraced by a warm atmosphere of friendship and grace as Revd Iritana Hankins, the NZ Provincial President of MU extended a welcome to all. Revd Katene Eruera, Dean of Tikanga Maori at St John's College led the day.

Once seated in the Chapel, he welcomed us to the College, mentioning that the Chapel had been built in 1846 and inviting us all to steep ourselves in the atmosphere where many generations of people had passed through its doors.

Revd Eruera explained that this day Anglicans' celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi, remembering the consecrated bread and wine as the body and blood of Christ. All were invited to stand around the font to make the sign of the cross in water on the forehead, then we processed to the Lectern for two readings: Genesis 14:18, 1 Corinthians 11:23, followed by the hymn 'Be still and know that I am God' and the Gospel reading, John 6:51.

The sermon began with the question, 'What are the first four words in the Bible?' the answer quickly came 'In the beginning, God.' That he said, was the essence of faith, and after humans had

given in to temptation and had withdrawn from the Garden, all scripture written since has served to invite us back into that Garden – because of God's absolute unconditional love. Intercessions followed, with pauses for people to pray for God's care, as the Spirit moved them. Then all moved to the eastern end of the Chapel, to stand around the altar for the Great Thanksgiving, the Administration and Prayer after Communion. Revd Eruera blessed several prayer shawls made by an AAW member, which were to be sent around New Zealand and across the world. We moved back to the meeting room where Revd Iritana invited all to speak briefly about something close to our heart. This proved to be a very moving time, as we learned something of the faith and family journeys of those present.

After lunch small groups worked on a Bible study entitled *Lectio Divina*. In small circles we took turns to read one verse of an allocated passage, meditate upon the passage for a short while, then to speak out a word or short phrase that stood out for us. This process was repeated twice more, with opportunity for each person to read different verses,

and after brief eriods of silence for meditation, to join in dialogue about what had come up from the readings. This concentrated period of study concluded with a short prayer.

Our Quiet Day had come to an end. All 32 who attended set out for home with minds full of stimulating thought and prayer.

Janice Cooper

Love Live Forgive: Insights from Artists

E-Book review

‘Love Live Forgive: Insights from Artists’ is Justin St Vincent’s most recent project. Justin is the Director and Founder of Xtreme Music, and is passionate about exploring and communicating the relationship between music and spirituality.

Through over 100 responses from eminent artists from across the globe, ‘Live Love Forgive’ explores themes of Artistry, Love & Forgiveness, Compassion & Healing, Transformation and Unity. Short excerpts are provided from each artist, providing insight into how they have experienced the relationship between art and emotion.

Justin has been able to weave these responses in an accessible format, providing a brief introduction to each section and provides thought-provoking questions to reflect upon as you read through the collection of responses that follow. This book will both challenge and inspire you to think about how art can be transformative in understanding love and forgiveness in our day-to-day lives.

This E-book is available free – go to www.loveliveforgive.org

Reviewed by Claire Gregory

Plants in a Biblical Garden

There are many plants and trees mentioned in the Bible. Here are just a few.

The first tree mentioned by name? (*Gen.3 v7*)

Jacob talked Esau into trading his birthright as an older son for a bowl of this soup?
(*Gen.25 v29ff*)

Jesus drew his followers attention to the plants that bloomed around Him as signs of God's abiding care. (*Matthew 6 v 28ff.*)

Jesus said "I am the true vine and you are the branches. He that abideth in me and I in him the same bringeth forth much fruit; for without me you can do nothing"
(*John 15 v 5.*)

He took the fish and a few of what sort of loaves and fed a multitude with them?
(*John 6 v 8ff.*)

"Woe to you scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites. For you have tithed what? And have neglected the weightier matters of the law; justice and mercy and faith."
(*Matthew 23 v 23.*)

If you have faith the size of what? You will say to this mountain "Move from here to there" and it will move and nothing will be impossible. (*Matthew 17 v 20.*)

For the entrance to the inner sanctuary he made doors of what?
(*1 Kings 6 v 31ff.*)

The King James version was used, but the answers should be found in most versions of the Bible. We are leaving it to you to discover the answers.



Lament to a Lousy Gardener

The Lord God planted a garden
Then loaned it to me to use
If I'd had any sense, I'd have stated then
That the offer I ought to refuse
The weeds grow as high as the fences
The soil is hard as a rock
And though I have tried I am hopeless
When it comes to removing dock
It will never be something of wonder
Though I work at it, round the clock

Now, some I could name are tremendous
They can tear away weeds from the soil
And they grow great potatoes and carrots
The results of their endless toil.
Their apples are bright, red and rosy
Their rhubarb? The best I have known!!
But me? I've got chickweed and thistles
With roots I would like to disown.
Though I labour from sun-up to sun-down
Not a parsnip that's fit to be shown.

I have roses with thorns like a cactus
And a daisy that's quite perverse
Each shrub looks as though it has suffered
From a strange and evil curse.
All my pot plants give in very gently
They don't have the will to survive
I agree, I'm a terrible gardener
And I can't make my seedlings revive
I'm discouraged – in spite of all efforts
My plants are more dead than alive.

So I'll go to the shop for my veggies
Buy flowers made of silk, to boot
Then I'll call Mr Green to attack my lawns
And remove each unwanted root.
I will buy apples, just as I want them
Farewell bags of compost and spray
And the insects and bugs will be happy
To be left chewing plants, day by day
Oh, my life will be one round of pleasure
With my gardening cares far away!

Marilyn Dunn



For Him

*“Put a smile on your dial”
When you go the extra mile,
It’s your witness that’s on trial,
Day by Day.*

*A caring word, a listening ear,
A faithful prayer can slay a fear,
That friendly smile will dry a tear
And bring new peace.*

*Come alongside one who’s down,
Help them up when they might
drown,
Lift their eyes to higher ground,
Give them hope.*

*We can’t wait to feel the love,
Or a shove from God above,
Let’s go ahead and do
What Jesus said.*

*Do not stop to count the cost,
When you reach out to the lost,
Because you know their souls
Are priceless pearls.*

*You’ll not be a great sensation,
You will never rock the nation,
But you’ll be a demonstration
Of Christ’s love,*

*And if you miss the mark today,
Hesitate and turn away,
Don’t despair, his love will still
Call again.*

*And as you go you’ll show the Way’s
Not all about the things you say
But how you live for Him.*

Shirley Prior

AAW AGM and Church Service
24 August
Wellington

Prayer for Solomon Islanders

Heavenly Father,

You promised Noah that you would never again destroy the earth with water and gave us a rainbow as a sign of your covenant with us. Lately there have been so many things happening around the world as a result of nature, but at this time we especially remember those close to us in the Solomon Islands who are suffering the effects of the unexpected storms, flooding and earthquakes.

We pray for those who have lost their homes, and for those who have lost their livelihoods as well.

Lord we ask that this might be a time when your people may turn to you in their despair that they might find comfort in your Holy Word and an answer to their prayers in the work of those whom you send to help.

May our prayers be a catalyst for change in their circumstances and a basis for new hope in their lives as they seek to rebuild and renew all that they have lost. All this we ask in the name of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, our friend and Saviour.

Amen

PRESIDENT'S DATE LOAF RECIPE

In a saucepan put 1 cup of dates, (I usually cut them up), $\frac{3}{4}$ cup sugar, 1 tablespoon butter and 1 teaspoon baking soda.

Pour 1 cup of boiling water over this and boil just a little stirring continuously.

Mix in 1 cup flour, 1 teaspoon baking powder $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon salt and add 1 well beaten egg.

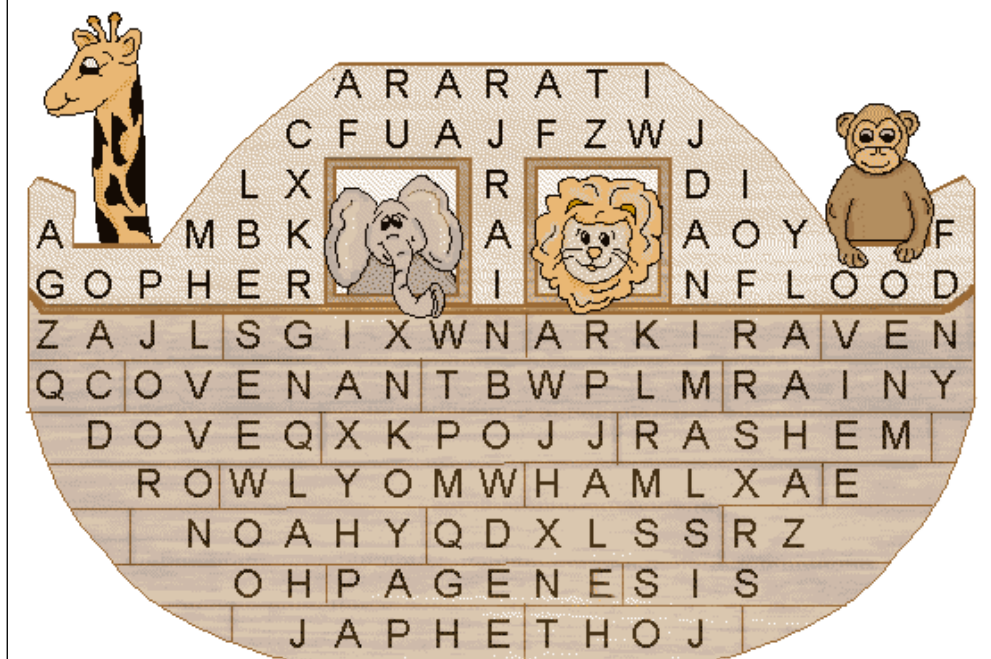
Pour into a loaf tin and bake in a moderate oven for 1 hour. (Fan bake 40 mins on 170C).

Enjoy!!!!

Children's Activity

Word search puzzle

Noah's Ark



animals

Ararat

ark

covenant

dove

flood

Genesis

gopher

Ham

Japheth

Noah

rain

rainbow

raven

Shem

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Magnificat's Kittens

Written by Jenny Kelly and illustrated by Joy Carter.

(A review by Judy Riddell.)

This is a delightful true story for young children, about the church cat who lived at St. Margaret's Anglican Church, Te Kauwhata.

Bishop David Moxon noticed this magnificent black cat when he was taking a service at St. Margaret's and immediately named her Magnificat. When she produced four kittens, people from the church and village were asked if anyone would like to adopt a kitten. Soon four loving homes were found and the kittens have all settled into their new lives. Magnificat still keeps the church free of mice.

Jenny Kelly, the author, a parishioner who took one of Magnificat's

kittens into her own home, is a former librarian and she asked fellow parishioner Joy Carter to illustrate it. Joy is a long time AAW member and an accomplished water colour artist. Her style of painting suits the storyline very well.

Jenny and Joy self-published the book which sells for \$15 a copy plus postage. You can contact Joy on waihek-ejoy@gmail.com or telephone 07 8267 816. Some of you may have seen the book when Joy had it at the AAW Waikato and Taranaki AGM in New Plymouth in May.

It makes an ideal gift for grandchildren or other youngsters.

Latest News from Mothers' Union:

The Rev. Iritana Hankins will be ordained to the priesthood on Sunday 24 August.

The Worldwide President, Lynne Tembey, has accepted an invitation to come to New Zealand next May. Her itinerary will be worked out nearer the time, which we hope will include a visit to Tonga.

