

# Circle



Connecting - Inspiring - Reaching out to Women in our Dioceses



Conversations are important

# 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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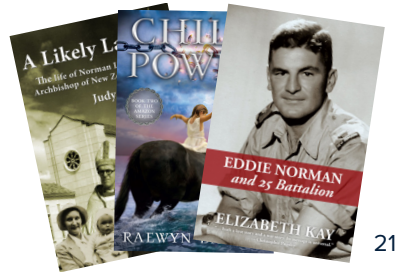
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# Letters

‘ A selection from the birthday greeting my 7-year old grandson sent from the UK:

“How are you doing? I hope that you are keeping well and not too cold in your winter.

Oh how did this vires thing happen Nana? Lots of people have died and have got sick.

I’m quite board are you as well? I’ve been busting to come and see you and Granddad for a long time.

When I got to school yesterday Mummy had to drop me of at the gate and (children) had to stand in circles with 3-meter distance between them. Then I had my temperature taken. After school I went to play with my friends on the field. I have really missed them.’

**Ruth Harwood, past President, Christchurch.**

*Thanks Ruth! – The Circle Team*

‘ A book about Bishop Norman: Elizabeth Kay’s *Eddie Norman and 25 Battalion* tells the story of her theology student father’s time in the army during WWII.

Elizabeth is an accomplished author, a longstanding member of the Wellington Cathedral of St Paul and formerly worked at the NZ Anglican Church Pension Board, managing the Anglican Legislative Unit and the ecumenical InterChurch Bureau. She is President of the Friends of Te Papa, and an environmentalist having assisted in the planting of thousands of trees to rejuvenate a local area.’

**Pat Vincent, NZ AAW past President**

*(Book details on page 22 – Ed)*

# Editorial note

We've introduced two new sections:

- **Did you know...**

We all know there are many talented AAW members who have a variety of skills. We are going to highlight at least a couple of members in this section each edition. This issue features three of our authors. *(See page 21.)*

- **Catalyst Corner**

A spotlight on organisations, events and people who provide a catalyst for beneficial change. In this issue: Missions without Borders. *(See page 13.)*

*We invite submissions/ideas for both these sections – Ed.*

# From the President...

**Our guest episcopal contributors:**

Our Diocesan bishops continue to honour us with their thoughtful articles allowing deeper insight and meaning to the aims and work of the AAW.

*(Contact us if you missed reading the previous two.)*

This issue features Bishop Steve Maina, Bishop of

Nelson. He describes the Mission of the Church as an 'Essential Service' and writes: "One of AAW's aims is to participate in the mission of the church. I think that is a super important aim."

*(Full article on page 7.)*

**Therefore, let's look at the Five Marks of Mission:**

Developed by the Anglican Consultative Council (ACC),

they have been widely adopted as an understanding of what contemporary mission is about:

1. To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
2. To teach, baptise and nurture new believers
3. To respond to human need by loving service
4. To transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation
5. To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth

Some churches abbreviate this to five words:

Tell, Teach, Tend, Transform, Treasure.

The Five Marks of Mission began life as a mission statement. In 1984 the Anglican Consultative Council adopted Four Marks of Mission with the fifth being added in 1990. In 2012 extra wording to the fourth mark included the need for Christians to challenge

violence and work for peace.

### **Pandemic support for our City Missions**

In response to the effects of lockdown, the NZ AAW Executive Committee wished to give financial support to the needy from the Emergency Fund. Knowing that the City Mission's services were always in demand, we contacted Matthew Mark, the Christchurch City Missioner. This proved to be very timely, as he had just been on a video call with his Auckland and Wellington City Mission colleagues discussing demand, the ability to respond and the structure of programmes etc. The growth in demand was between 300-400% across the three missions – and also there was a reduction in donated goods. He indicated a cash donation would be appreciated. **The executive agreed to give \$1,000 each to the Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch City Missions to support the tremendous work they were doing in their communities.**

**Judith Mackenzie**

# Bishop Steve reflects

## Mission of the Church as an 'Essential Service'



**One of AAW's aims is to participate in the mission of the church.**

I think that is a super important and timely aim

especially in this season.

During the lockdown months of April and May, I became increasingly aware of the role of the church as an 'essential service' for delivering the good news. Paul says 'For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes...' –Romans 1:16

New research has found there has been a significant surge in online searches for prayer during the coronavirus pandemic, as people turn to God to find meaning and to cope with feelings of anxiety and hopelessness. The spiritual hunger we see

around us presents us with an unprecedented opportunity for sharing the hope that is in the Gospel.

**There is a sense of urgency in a world desperate for good news.**

So with all the adjustments we are making to return to some normality, let's seek to have a renewed confidence in the power of God to bring salvation.

This, I suggest, involves:-

- 1. Asking** the Holy Spirit to help us see people the way God sees them (loved by God).
- 2. Believing** that the Lord goes before us, that the Holy Spirit is at work in the hearts of our friends, neighbours, colleagues, revealing truth and awakening a hunger for him.
- 3. Being** prepared to have

faith conversations with people.

**Spiritual conversations are often about being interested in other people enough to ask them questions. And asking for boldness to share how God is at work in our lives.**

Here are some questions I have found helpful:

- How would you describe your spiritual journey?
- As the world has been hit hard by COVID-19 pandemic, what has given meaning, purpose and hope to your life?
- Have you ever thought about God in your life before?

Who could you have a faith conversation with this week?

May we seize the opportunities God is giving us to share the Good news with those around us in this new season. We are an 'essential service' - let's not drop the ball. We are the hope on earth!



*Bishop Steve Maina is the 11th Bishop of Nelson, ordained Saturday, 31 August 2019. He comes from a rich Christian heritage. His father and grandfather were Anglican ministers in Kenya.*

*Psalm 32:8 has been formative for him in discerning God's call: 'I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.'*



*Bishop Steve's hymn choice:*

**Build Your Kingdom Here**

Build Your kingdom here / Let the darkness fear  
Show Your mighty hand / Heal our streets and land

Set Your church on fire / Win this nation back  
Change the atmosphere / Build Your kingdom here

We pray

Come set Your rule and reign / In our hearts again

Increase in us we pray / Unveil why we're made

Come set our hearts ablaze with hope

Like wildfire in our very souls

Holy Spirit come invade us now

We are Your Church / And we need Your power

In us

We seek Your kingdom first / We hunger and we thirst

Refuse to waste our lives / For You're our joy and prize

To see the captive hearts released /

The hurt, the sick, the poor at peace

We lay down our lives for Heaven's cause

We are Your church / And we pray revive

This earth (We're prayin' for revival)  
Unleash Your kingdom's power / Reaching the near  
and far  
No force of hell can stop / Your beauty changing  
hearts  
You made us for much more than this  
Awake the kingdom seed in us  
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ  
We are Your church / Oh, and we are the hope  
On earth

**By Rend Collective**

Almighty God  
you have made us for yourself,  
and our hearts are restless  
till they find their rest in you;  
so lead us by your Spirit  
so that in this life we may live to your glory  
and in the life to come enjoy you for ever;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
NZPB (p. 632)

# Profiling Wendy Heath

The Venerable Indrea Alexander, vicar of Waimate

Wendy Heath, our speaker, earlier this year to Waimate AAW, isn't afraid to stand out. **She has been a police officer, a lieutenant in the Territorials, a translator of historic Maori documents and now has a moko kaue on her chin, acknowledging her heritage.**

She was born in Christchurch with Maori, English and Irish heritage. She grew up in Blenheim, where her father worked for State Advances. They were the only Maori family in Nativity Anglican Parish. The family moved back to Christchurch when Wendy was 15.

As a child, she had 'decided to be a cop'... "I began knocking on the recruiting officer's door at 16, though they didn't take women till 19."

**After graduating from Police College, Wendy worked in Dunedin for eight years in youth aid and general duties.**

While in Dunedin, she joined the Territorials as an intelligence operator and became a commissioned second lieutenant. At one stage she was the only female commissioned officer in the Infantry.

After eight years in Dunedin it was 'time to go home' and she returned to Christchurch and was part of a team policing unit. She recalls the adrenaline rush of heading to a brawl, and the level of fitness required. "We were meant to run 7km before each shift."

She was approached to go undercover, and went to

Northland with another officer, pretending to be a couple. “Being undercover you tell a lot of lies. You make friends and betray them. Your job is to present the facts. The court’s role is to decide what happens.”

**Undercover work ‘opens your eyes to the fact they’re human beings just like you.’ She saw that if that person’s life experience had been hers, she could be standing where they were.**

She joked that there were some offenders who needed to be told “You’re not good at this, you need a career change.”

Wendy also served with the Criminal Investigation Branch dealing with serious crime and child sexual abuse.

When she left the police, Wendy went to university and studied Te Reo Maori – written and spoken Maori, with a special focus on the translation of Maori

manuscripts.

In the 1800s when many Europeans in New Zealand were illiterate sealers and whalers, there were more than 10 Maori language newspapers being published. Wendy said when Maori became literate, they also became letter writers. “You could put thoughts on paper and send it to a friend to see your thoughts.”

Wendy is very involved with Ngai Tahu, working alongside her husband who has a leadership role with two runanga, with special responsibility for tikanga and kawa (protocol).



*Wendy Heath (centre front) with members of the Waimate AAW group*

# Catalyst Corner

A spotlight on organisations, events and people who provide a catalyst for beneficial change.

*This edition:* **Mission Without Borders**

- a Christian charity reaching the poor and marginalized in Eastern Europe.



**MISSION WITHOUT BORDERS**

Mission Without Borders is a Christian organisation – but with no affiliation to any denomination; fundraising in NZ and 11 other countries for 60 years to help people out of poverty and spread the good news in Eastern Europe.

**It is an international network of Christians, who journey with the poor and marginalized, transforming lives bringing practical and spiritual support.**

‘Our work with families lasts five years to help them out of poverty and give a hope for the future.

‘We work across Albania, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Moldova, Romania and Ukraine to help people break the destructive cycle of poverty.

‘We partner with local churches to enable and empower them to meet the needs of the people around them.

As the spread of COVID-19 continues, our work is even more important as people go deeper into poverty.’

To find out more visit:  
[mwb.org.nz](http://mwb.org.nz)

# Bags of opportunity

Shelley Vette, Overseas & Outreach Convenor



I love sewing, but can't by any stretch of the imagination be called an expert. My

sister and I were allowed some of the family benefit money, provided we used it to make our own clothes. The school sewing lessons had several girls to one machine and I usually found myself at the back of the queue so accomplished very little.

One day a friend asked me if I would make fabric school bags for her Samaritan Christmas boxes. I found a piece of checked cotton, and four bags later, I delivered the bags to my friend, and wondered if I could find other 'bags of opportunity'. I made some pretty bags for our AAW sales table and was amazed when they all sold!

**We have a number of op shops in our area. They can't use plastic bags, so I made several, simple, attractive bags in different sizes.**

The bags were a success, and appreciated by the shops.

A few days before the COVID-19 lockdown, my trusty Bernina finally stopped working! I rushed over to the Bernina shop, 50kms away, and enquired about the price. It was way beyond what I could afford, but I was able to get a smaller model Bernette, which was delivered the next day. After that, I made new curtains for the lounge.

Now the op shops are open, I am cutting out and designing new bags. Who knows, where my next lot of 'bags of opportunity' will end up! You never know until you try.

# Ambae – looking back

**Dorothy Brooker (via Shelley Vette)**

*Dorothy was a nurse at Godden Memorial Hospital and was then closely involved with St Patrick's School.*

**The Church of Melanesia has had a long history of New Zealanders offering ministry as priests, doctors, teachers, nurses, ship builders and carpenters to mention a few.**

In 1965 I left New Zealand to work at Godden Memorial Hospital as a nurse with Betty Pyatt who served in Melanesia for over 20years. It was here that I met my husband, Arthur, who was to be the new principal of St. Patrick's School in Vureas, succeeding Father George Arthur and his wife Zelda who were returning to New Zealand. Arthur had already spent time in the Solomon Islands at Maravovo School before coming to Vureas.

**St Patrick's School had originally been a boys' school, first in the Banks Island**

**before being moved to the Island now known as Ambae.** It was during Father George Arthur's time that it became a co-educational school.

St Patrick's School is over 100years old and it was in 2004 that celebrations were held to celebrate 100years. It was a great time of rejoicing with many of the staff who had served there from New Zealand returning for the celebration. My daughter Philippa was able to take her 12-month old daughter up for the celebrations and show her the place where she had been born. It also was the first time I had returned since 1970.

**St Patrick's school has always had a good academic record and it is worth noting that many of the Church and Nation's leaders have**

received their schooling at Vureas.

Father Walter Lingi the first leader of the new nation of Vanuatu was one example. It was very humbling when I visited with a Cathedral team about 6years ago to be thanked by the late Bishop James Ligo, on behalf of his siblings, for the foundations laid by Arthur and also me in their faith journey. The late bishop who died suddenly was a small boy when we were at St Patrick's. His sister and brother were very involved in politics in Vanuatu.

The pupils at St, Patrick's come from the islands of Pentecost, Maewo, the Banks Islands, and possibly further south. Today many would



*Dorothy and Arthur, Vureas, Ambae*

travel by plane. However, during my time, they mostly arrived by small ships and some would miss going home during holidays if no boats were around.

During my time there the students would spend time in their gardens as well as learning good garden techniques. We also had cattle and we were able to give the students fresh milk.

One of the highlights for me was the day my daughter Philippa was born and to have over 100 students passing



*Christening photo*



through my room to welcome this new baby was something special. When Philippa visited Vanuatu for the first time in 2002 and called in to see someone who had been a student there, (I had given her the address) the welcome she received was overwhelming.

When I last visited the school about six years ago it was very humbling to be able to celebrate the Eucharist in the chapel that we worshipped in every day when we worked there. The grave where my husband is buried is also kept

in a tidy place.

I thank God daily for my time on Ambae, first as a nurse at Godden Memorial Hospital and then at Vureas with our wonderful students. It is good to still have contacts of some who are not so young now but who remember. I also thank God for the faith shared by many of these wonderful Ni Vanuatu people.

**It is great that the AAW is offering the girl students a place they can call home during their school years.**



*With our two young children  
(who are now 52 and 50)*

# The wisdom of Hildegard

Mary Houston

Recently I acquired the book *Meditations with Hildegard of Bingen*, put together by Gabriele Uhlein in the 1980s.

**According to the Preface writer, Thomas Barry, ‘Hildegard of Bingen was one of the greatest thinkers and doers of the Western Church’.**

Note that theologians at the centre of theological studies are usually male, so Hildegard is often referred to as the Grandmother of the Rhineland Mystic Movement, a movement of creation-centred spirituality developed in the 12th century. She was early in the line of popularly studied thinkers: before St Francis of Assisi, before Thomas Aquinas. ‘She was a great Renaissance woman, a musician and poet, dramatist and physicist, doctor and

prophet, painter and leader of both women and men, lover of the earth and all creation, who can no longer be ignored.’

Gabriele Uhlein explains that Hildegard lived in a convent from the age of eight. She began writing in Latin, from the age of forty, recounting some of her visions and insights she had been gifted with from childhood. At a Papal Synod in 1147-8 her writings were presented; they were so well received her fame quickly spread. People from all walks of life, from popes to peasants, from the faithful to the ex-communicated, asked her for spiritual advice and direction.

**What was unusual about her writings was they**

**advocated nurturing as well as discipline, insisting on justice at all times.**

She was against people being ex-communicated for political reasons only, so at the age of 81 when she was a victim of interdict for political reasons, she fought furiously to exonerate herself and her convent. She saw justice done, dying shortly afterwards in 1179.

This movement was especially evident in Germany and the Low Countries.

**Brilliant female minds and scholarship resulted in a sister movement, a type of medieval feminism, that supported ‘knowing God’s pleasure and meeting every creature with grace’.**

As I read through this selection of her meditations translated into English from German, I felt an intense empathy with her, especially

in Hildebrand’s following comment on humankind:

*Humankind demonstrates two aspects:*

*The singing of praise to God,  
And the doing of good works.*

*God is made known through  
praise,*

*And in good works*

*The wonders of God can be  
seen.*

*In the praise of God*

*a person is like an angel.*

*But it is the doing of good  
works*

*That is the hallmark of  
humanity.*

*This completeness*

*Makes humankind the fullest  
creation of God.*

*It is in praise and service*

*That the surprise of God is  
consummated.*

As I read and re-read this piece I could hear the words echoing down through the centuries, through the Old

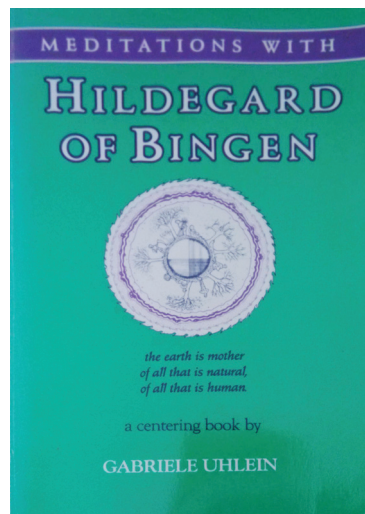
and New Testaments, through prophets and preachers, to 2020; words containing a forever relevance to the relationship between humankind and God. They particularly reminded me of my maternal grandmother teaching me as a child how I should best live: 'To serve God by serving others.' This servant mentality is very hard to maintain but can give great joy when instances occur.

I believe this mentality surged through New Zealand during this year's coronavirus lockdown, effecting its success. It is reckoned that the majority of us actually enjoyed lockdown and there was an increase in our nice-ness to one another. For so many of us the slower pace of living gave us time to liaise with, and appreciate, one another. We texted, we zoomed, we phoned, we waved, we smiled, even called out to passers-by across our space of social distancing. It was as though the curtailment of our freedom made us appreciate more that

which we were not allowed to have, and what we had temporarily lost. No wonder there was such togetherness.

Now that we are on level one, I see people withdrawing back into their homes, into themselves. The sense of camaraderie, of reaching out, is fading fast.

**Why is it that we need to experience a crisis in order to regain, if only temporarily, our love for humanity and our recognition of the Divine nature of God?**



# Did you know...

Longstanding AAW members have recently published books:

**Non-fiction:** *A Likely Lad, the life of Norman Lesser, Archbishop of New Zealand* by Judy Mills (Napier).

Originally from Liverpool, his 24-year tenure as Bishop of Waiapu saw the building and consecration of Napier's cathedral. As Archbishop he was at the forefront of Church Union negotiations.

*"...Knowing and honouring our past is important to our faith journey, and this book will be of interest not just to Anglicans but also the wider community who loved and respected Norman Lesser. He was in fact an 'extra-ordinary' man and I commend this timely recognition of his life of devotion, humour, and compassion."* Andrew Hedge, Bishop of Waiapu.

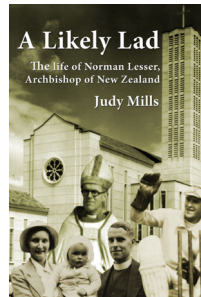
\$40: Philip Garside Publishing Ltd + \$5.90 postage

**Fiction:** *Child Power* by Raewyn Dawson (Christchurch) is the second in her historical adventure series, aimed at young adults and upwards.

*"This brilliantly conceived and historically based story by a NZ author is fast-paced and engaging. An excellent series."*

Claire Carpenter, English Teacher

\$25: Scorpio Books, Christchurch, or email: [chch.dawsons@gmail.com](mailto:chch.dawsons@gmail.com)



**Non-fiction:** *Eddie Norman and 25 Battalion* by Elizabeth Kay (Wellington).

Written by his daughter, it is a story of a young theological student's experience of military leadership during WWII.

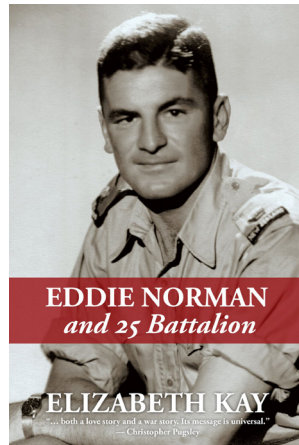
Once home he resumed his studies for ordination and became Bishop of Wellington (1973-1986).

In 1984, he was made a Knight Commander of the British Empire.

*A foreword to the book by military historian Christopher Pugsley calls the book "a love story and a war story" whose message is universal,*

*and highlights the importance of chaplains in the Defence Force as well as paying tribute to the pastoral role of the church.*

\$40: Marsden Books or Unity Books (Wellington) or online from Cuba Press.



## **Opportunities for prayer**

**Lynne Hill**

Lying in the dentist's chair  
May not be the ideal time for prayer.  
But there is no distraction  
The dentist's doing all the action.

Start with a prayer of thanks  
Nor forgetting the dentist's skill.  
There's a whole world out there  
Which sorely needs our prayer.  
The grieving and the leaving  
The hungry and the cold  
The young and those growing old.  
All those we love  
And those we should.

Half an hour's long enough to fit most in  
A time which could be described as win-win.  
For while the dentist's drilling  
Your heart is filling  
With hope and faith.  
I'm not serious ? Trust me  
Try it and you will see  
A lack of nerves, and a purpose to observe.

# Auckland

## Barbara Dixon, past Auckland AAW President

**St James, Mangere Bridge:**  
During the strange time of COVID-19 lockdown our St James AAW Ladies Fellowship Group kept in touch by telephone and emails.

This was appreciated by the members as they felt comfort and solace from each other.

Zoom Church was a different experience for all but was a great way for the Fellowship Group to 'see' each other

Many members kept on knitting and it was a delight to see what had been produced.

**We now have another collection of Prayer Shawls, garments, blankets and beanies to take to the Anglican Trust of Women and Children. The Trust is always so appreciative of these gifts.**





# Christchurch

## Waimate Group: Deb O'Neil, AAW Waimate

### Presentation of the 50 Years in AAW Badge to Joy Saville

Because of COVID-19, the presentation of the 50 Years in AAW Badge to Joy Saville was delayed.

Last week we finally were able to present Joy with the badge with a theme of 'This Is Your Life'.

Joy was born in Bournemouth, England, in 1922 and came to New Zealand as a young bride in 1945 and moved to Waimate in the same year.

Church has always been a big part of her life. She was a Lay Minister for 25 years. In 2006, she was presented with a Special Diocesan Award.

Joy was a member of the Mothers Union before becoming a member of AAW in 1969. She undertook many of the positions of responsibility and some of

these she held for many years, from leader, vice leader, treasurer, worship leader and was on the committee for both social and the Rose Show.



Looking in the minute books it was noted that Joy was often called upon to be the auctioneer for the annual Overseas and Outreach auction. It was said that she managed to squeeze every available cent with great hilarity, encouraging spirited bidding and cut-throat competition and that all items were sold.

The presentation also included impressions from four previous vicars, of a loving, faithful, friendly, willing and knowledgeable

parishioner.

The book 'This is Your Life' included several photos of Joy in action and was presented to

Joy along with the badge.

Joy continues to be a much-loved member of St Augustine parish.

### Pat Owen, National AAW Secretary

**Christchurch Diocesan Executive:** some of the Executive took time to put together Hospital Packs for the Christchurch Hospital A&E Department. 103 packs containing: comb, tissues, toothbrush, toothpaste, soap. This project was started when Adrienne Robinson was President in 2010, after the Christchurch earthquake.



**Kaiapoi AAW:** (North Canterbury) In June Kath Adams spoke to us about the Kaiapoi local issues. She used to teach at the Kaiapoi High School and has been on the Community Board for many years. She was able to help a number of unmarried girls through the Community Trust in the Waimakariri Area.

# Dunedin

## Christine Aitken, Dunedin AAW President

Our groups have not been active during lockdown, only now beginning to meet again.

Just prior to lockdown we had a very interesting and well attended AGM, hosted by the ladies of the St Luke's Mosgiel AAW. Our North Otago link person, Nonie Rooney, has stepped down after many years of devoted service to AAW; we will miss her.

During the lockdown many of our groups connected with each other via Skype or Zoom or, for those not familiar with this technology, by phone, ensuring that all was well within the group and our wider church communities. Those who were able were happy to provide assistance where needed for anyone unable to get out to collect groceries or get to medical appointments.

Since being able to gather again, I have attended several

meetings to present the 50-year badges to those members who have been with AAW for 50+ years and to reconnect with the groups.

Elisabeth Cunningham and I will be representing AAW at our Diocesan Synod to be held in Dunedin, 13 - 15 September 2020. As yet we do not have a North Otago link person but hope that this position will be filled in the very near future.

We are all slowly getting back to normal and once again participating in the many and varied activities within our communities.



*Ann Petty and Chota Moore, St.Lukes on the Taieri with their 50-year badges*

# Nelson

## Jan South, Nelson

**Our Diocesan AGM** which was to have been held in Westport in late March was a victim of lockdown. Instead we had a virtual AGM online, receiving our reports and financial statements and electing Mrs Kathy Cuthbert as our new Diocesan President and Mrs Evelyn Nixon as our minute secretary. Our mid-winter overnight meeting at Teapot Valley Christian Camp also had to be cancelled with several people unavailable, so we look forward to meeting in September.

Most Nelson groups reported members keeping in touch during lockdown through their group ringing lists and in some cases group emails. Many accessed regular church services 'on-line' and some could meet by the Zoom link for coffee.

**Our Cathedral Group** held

a very successful trading table after the morning service on Sunday 8 March with home baking, crafts, plants and fruit on offer. The proceeds of \$550 went to the Ambae project. At the March meeting members and friends gathered on a beautiful sunny morning at Butterfly Farm in Hope to learn and see in progress the life cycle of the monarch butterfly. A truly lovely outing. During lockdown they sadly lost a regular and former committee member, Liz Roberts. Normal meetings will begin again in August.

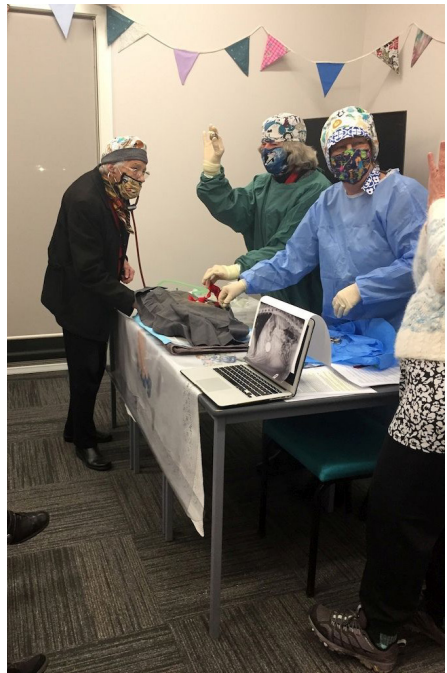
All Saints Group had Miranda Warner speak to them in March about her time leading a course of Expression through Drama in a South African prison, with prisoners due for release. It was very interesting and they were able to try one of her techniques with a few laughs.

**Holy Trinity Richmond Evening group:** at their first meeting back in June had a most entertaining evening as one of their members, Shirley Schreiber, gave us an insight into a day in her life as a vet nurse.

**She brought along toy dog Steven, as**

**her patient, and a lot of examples of her equipment.**

She had members of the group trying their hands at her various tasks as she spoke to us. It certainly showed us why vet costs are so high!



# Polynesia

## Tonga (from Kaniva Tonga)

*Our thoughts and prayers are with all our Polynesian brethren whose livelihoods have been impacted by the pandemic and the anxiety of repatriation flights. – Ed.*

Medical staff, civil servants, RSE workers and Tongans who have been in New Zealand for medical treatment will be given priority on the first repatriation flight from Auckland on August 4.

Health CEO Dr Siale 'Akau'ola said passengers would include doctors, nurses, police, soldiers, and public servants

including one Government CEO, who all remain on the government pay roll.

They were being given priority because they were needed in Tonga to support the repatriation work. Seasonal workers who are experiencing social issues and some stranded travellers would also be included.

## Fiji (from Fiji Times)

Fiji has recorded its first death due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The victim, a

66-year-old man who recently returned from India, died at the Lautoka Hospital.

# Waiapu

Judy Mills, AAW Waiapu

## St John's Cathedral

**Fellowship:** One of our most faithful members is Elisabeth Paterson, whose father was Bishop of Waiapu for nearly 24 years and Archbishop of New Zealand for ten of those years.

He somehow found time to make the most amazing miniatures and at our March meeting Elisabeth brought some of them – very carefully – for us to admire.

## Would you believe thirty or more miniscule figures illustrating the Sermon on the Mount in half a hen's eggshell?

He also enjoyed woodcarving and painting and all his creations are evidence of his skill, meticulous attention to detail – and yards of patience!



During Lockdown we held two successful Zoom meetings with the help of our Ministry Educator the Rev Deborah Broome, who prepared short reflections and relevant prayers. Although not all our members could participate it was very rewarding for those who could join in worship

together and have some friendly chat.

We all seemed to keep well during the lockdown and appreciated the help we received from many quarters, but we are looking forward to a more ‘normal’ meeting in July when we will share in an Agape meal.

### **Bereavement news: Mary Tait**

It is with respect and sadness that I inform AAW members of the death of Mary Tait. Mary has been a tireless, dedicated, voice of AAW for many years.

Mary was a member of the Cathedral Parish in Napier, and enjoyed being involved with St. Andrews Parish in Westshore in latter years.

Until three years ago Mary was the AAW Stationery Officer for the Diocese of Waiapu and held and managed the AAW Stationery in her formidable shed. If

she hadn't stock on hand of what you wanted, she soon ordered it for you followed by a call that it had arrived and to collect it. Mary did this task for many, many years and very ably and willingly.

A celebration of Mary's life achievements was held on Thursday, 23 July, 1pm at the Cathedral in Napier.

Rest in Peace Mary, and thank you for your years of service. Work complete.

**Jan Reisima, AAW Waiapu.**



# Wellington

Mary Estcourt, AAW Wellington

**St Paul's Waiwhetu, Fellowship Group:** We adopted 'Aprons with Attitude' from a Circle article from Dunedin.

We learned that most of us do not wear aprons these days but were able to tell stories about our mothers and grandmothers.

The oldest apron was a

beautifully embroidered apron from the 1930s.

Other aprons there were BBQ aprons, souvenir aprons, children's aprons, an apron with family photos on it, a gardening apron and many half aprons.

We remembered making an apron for Intermediate cooking.



## From Anglican Movement, Wellington (June 2020)

**Refugee and migrant communities in Aotearoa have faced a unique set of challenges during COVID-19.**

**Urban Vision, an Anglican Mission Order**, have seen some of these challenges first-hand. “Urban Vision teams have noticed that children from migrant backgrounds were less likely to connect with schools over lockdown due to a lack of access to technology” said Rebecca Apperley.

**She also notes that many families are heavily reliant on face-to-face business services such as post offices and banks.**

In some cases, Urban Vision teams were receiving cash and copies of household bills to pay them online.

Alongside this, Jake Smythe, the Volunteer Programme Lead from Red Cross, saw first-hand a number of mental health challenges that refugee background families faced

as this national crisis carried echoes of the instability many had fled from to arrive in Aotearoa.

**“Any former refugee has experienced forced displacement, stress or trauma.**

This means some have a very good ability to bounce back from crises, and to work very well under periods of stress.” However, Jake also noted that this time was harder for others. “Many have lingering trauma from their past which can arise in these moments. We saw many people do extraordinarily well because of their lived experience of stressful experiences, and on the other hand we also saw a marked rise in people needing support for mental health and distress that they had experienced before.”

# Submissions/Subscriptions

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## **Submissions: send to Circle Co-ordinator**

- We're looking for high-interest articles that inspire.
- If a group is elderly and the function is mainly a social one, with mutual support - that's absolutely fine as that news is equally important.
- **We need high quality images**
  - Large jpeg files (usually at least 1MB in size)
  - Must be e-mailed as a separate attachment
  - Please don't insert photos in a Word doc/e-mail.
  - No photoshop please.
- If sending a number of images, please rank them in order of importance. (We may not be able to use them all.)
- **Text:** send as a Word doc or in an e-mail

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# **The Association of Anglican Women (AAW)**

- Formed in 1969 for all Anglican Women to become members - married, divorced or single women.
- Prior to this New Zealand Anglican Women were part of Mothers' Union Branches.
- The Association of Anglican Women has more than 3,000 members - the largest organization within the Anglican Church giving a voice and representation to women.

## **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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