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A magazine for New Zealand women



'On Christ the solid rock I stand.'

Refresh Renew Rejoice

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Editorial note

In this issue we publish with pleasure submissions that either missed deadlines or fitted in best with the theme we had chosen for this first edition of 2022 – **‘Looking back in order to move forward with God.’**

Our speciality sections:

- **Did you know?** – It is truly an answer to prayer that we finally have an update on the water tanks in a cyclone-hit village (2020) in Fiji. We now have photos of the work in progress and information to share. *(See page 8.)*
- **Catalyst Corner** – *Find out how Dot Muir, Dunedin AAW President, is working to help children with special needs in Uganda. (See page 13.)*

From the President

Our guest episcopal contributors:

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

This issue features an article by the Right Reverend Justin C H Duckworth, Bishop of the Diocese of Wellington. *(See page 6.)* We thank Bishop Justin for picking up on the last word of our AAW three-year theme - *‘Rejoice’*.

Bishop Justin writes, “...at this time of year, Paul’s powerful words to the church at Philippi continue to ring true for us: ‘Rejoice in the Lord *always*. I will say it *again*: Rejoice!’ (Philippians 4:4). joy comes from knowing that the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases.”

Whether it’s our work-life balance, finding time for hobbies, friends, family and community, giving time to our own spiritual growth and time to others, sharing kindness or just finding happiness in the small things, joyful wellbeing means something different to everyone. It is good to highlight anything that can help us all to think about our wellbeing during these unusual times.

In February, the first Sunday is referred to throughout New Zealand as AAW Sunday, a tradition which started in 1997. Services are often led by AAW members and help make a feature of our wonderful organization.

Recently, I was asked about the history of the AAW Hymn of which there are two versions; Version 1: words by Jocelyn Fish and Version 2: adapted by Pat Sandle. It is fitting to honour Dame Jocelyn at this time, as she died at 90 last year, after a life filled with outstanding work on an international level to support women and children. Pat Sandle was a much-appreciated member of St John’s, Roslyn, Dunedin, who died in 2019. We are very grateful to both.

In our February 2021 edition we published a letter from Suzanne Stewart, organist, Heathcote/Mt Pleasant AAW, telling us about music she had composed for the AAW prayer.

As we ponder on both the words of our AAW hymn and prayer, (see *pages 10 and 17*) let us hope and pray that blessings abound this year.

Judith Mackenzie

Bishop Justin reflects

Where joy comes from



Kia ora koutou

Sometimes as we begin a New Year we are tempted to think that because

we have ‘clicked over’ to a new calendar year, somehow things are going to be different. Of course, resolutions are great and the invitation of Jesus is always for further transformation and wholeness, but the reality of our world in its brokenness remains. Our journey with Covid, climate change, housing poverty, mental health crisis, and with conflict – both globally and locally – still continues. Cheerful eh?!

That’s why at this time of year, Paul’s powerful words to the church at Philippi continue to ring true for us: Rejoice in the Lord *always*. I will say it *again*:

Rejoice! (Philippians 4:4)

I’ve highlighted ‘always’ and ‘again’ for effect. Even the very word ‘rejoice’ has a circular, continuous sense: rejoice.

This invitation to rejoice is not a superficial kind of fleeting happiness, brought to being through external circumstances. In the same passage, Paul expects that his readers will face worry and hardship and reminds us to bring those things before God in prayer (v.6).

Instead, joy comes from knowing that the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, and that there is nothing that can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

That victory is won and, in the words of the old hymn, ‘On Christ the solid rock I stand.’

Maybe that's why, in the Philippians passage, rejoicing leads to prayer, and prayer leads to peace beyond our understanding.

So as we enter this new year, why not ask God to give you an increase in the spiritual fruit of joy. Rest in your knowledge of and faith in Jesus' victory for you and for the world - and let the joy of this sink deep into your soul. What a great start to the year.

Nga mihi nui ki a koutou

Bishop Justin has been Bishop of Wellington since 2012, and now lives in Whanganui, in the northern part of the Diocese. He is married to Jenny and they have three adult children. Bishop Justin has a number of university advanced degrees, was ordained as a priest in 2005, and has pioneered intentional community living most of his life. He says he loves being Bishop because he gets to spend time with people who are trying to follow God.

Did you know...

Rejoice! The long-awaited installation of water tanks starts...

In December 2020, Naviavia, Vanua Levu, Fiji, was hit by a cyclone that caused severe flooding and destruction of many homes.

Mother Alena, Community of the Sacred Name, Christchurch, approached the NZAAW asking for help as the village needed two water tanks so they would be better prepared for future cyclones.

Quotes for the two water tanks and installation materials were obtained from the local Naviavia Hardware Store in February 2021.

The NZAAW had already sent money to the Diocese of Polynesia AAW and in April 2021, the Diocese of Polynesia AAW Executive Committee agreed to use the money for two 10,000 litre tanks to be installed, one at the church and one at the school in Naviavia.

These photos, received in November, show a 5,300 Litre tank being installed. Although these pictures show work in progress – we need to keep in touch with our friends in Suva to support this project to completion.



Overseas & Outreach

Raewyn Dawson, Overseas & Outreach Convenor

First, AAW and Anglican Missions in consultation with Stephanie Fry, Project Manager, have streamlined the relationship between us.

From now on Anglican Missions will help coordinate and suggest projects, as well as arranging for the international payments towards the projects we choose.

Second, contact has also been made with one of our existing projects – The Sisters of the Community in Guadalcanal. They are desperately poor, yet growing in numbers. Our project helps replace their collapsed chapel and provides some tinned food variety, instead of their depending totally on their own gardening.



Head Sister and friend.

Third, the AAW Executive are delighted that there is now a dedicated person on the spot in Fiji to follow up the water tanks project – so that is showing real action.

The urgently needed money was given, and quotes in for the tank building.

Anglican Missions and the Anglican Diocese of Polynesia are proud to welcome Karen Chute Delaivoni as the Development and Humanitarian Aid Project

Manager for the Diocese. This is a new role that will not only manage a number of development projects including providing water tanks and supporting communities as they respond to Covid, but will crucially enhance the Diocese's capacity to prepare for and respond to natural disasters. Karen has strong experience in this area. She says, "I am humbled to be given this opportunity to give back. I am a mother to two little girls. I have worked in the humanitarian field for over

four years now for non-governmental organizations. I am passionate about community-based projects that will help improve the lives of families and children in our local communities."



Karen

It is amazing what impact our basic O&O giving of \$8 per member per year can have on a needy world.

AAW Prayer

O God, our Father, whose love for all people is proclaimed in Jesus Christ, we thank you for uniting us in prayer and fellowship. Use us now in the mission of your Church: Help us to realise that everything we do and say reflects our love for you. Bless homes and families throughout the world especially those unhappy or in need. Show us how, by our example and concern, we can take your peace and love wherever your Spirit may lead us, today and all our days. Amen

Jocelyn's Journey

Jocelyn Wilson, Lone Member, Ashburton

Three church buildings have featured in my life: the old St Stephen's in Ashburton with its ivy-covered entrance, then St Luke's at Hinds for 40 years, and now, in my retirement – St Andrew's at Tinwald.

I was baptised, attended Sunday School and Bible Class and was confirmed in the old church, and later married in the new St Stephen's.

I remember the indoor sand pit with its biblical figures, the church concerts and the wise Miss M K Finney.

Bible Class on Thursday evenings began with us all sharing prayers and singing, then in our rooms for study. Supper and games ended the evening. Most students who biked home had a dynamo cycle light to show

the way. The end of term dances were popular – for me, it meant a fancy frock, nylon stockings and lipstick! Chloe Gordon's orchestra encouraged everyone to learn such dances as the Maxina, the circular waltz, and the Dashing White Sergeant.

The Rev'd John Froud was our Vicar and he encouraged all students to help the church, so the girls were rostered in pairs to polish the intricate brass altar rail and the boys got to pull the rope to ring the bell for the Sunday services. These were enjoyable teenage years, even if we still wore a hat to church.

St Luke's Church, Hinds, which has a wonderful rural-themed altar window, became my next church as an adult. I joined Young Wives in 1968 and enjoyed the fellowship.

As a group we had some wonderful projects – items for Sister Woods in Melanesia, St Christopher’s Home in Fiji, Water for Women of India at \$100 per well, and the Temuka Children’s Homes.

In 1974 Young Wives joined with the former Mothers’ Union to become St Luke’s Family Fellowship, part of the AAW. A member showed us how to make icing Easter Eggs, which is something I still do today.

Over the years I became AAW Leader or Secretary a number of times and helped organise such events as the Longbeach Open Day when busloads of people arrived, the Daffodil Day at Windermere, a ‘Right Royal’ Garden party at Tudor House, Church fairs, a Country Farm Day, World Day of Prayer, and even sang Christmas Carols while sitting on the deck of a truck being driven around the village.

In the 1980s I was honoured to be licensed as a Lay Reader and was in charge of many services. The Rev’d Eric Pilbrow was my mentor.

St Luke’s Church became a Co-Operating parish and in 1986 our group joined with the Presbyterian women to form the St Luke’s Fellowship. It was then that I became an AAW Lone member – 36 years ago!

The Fellowship group worked well and we continued to care for each church’s commitments until the Fellowship disbanded in 1995.

There are still many milestones to recall but I hope this rings some bells for others. I have enjoyed this church life journey.

Catalyst Corner

“With God as our helper we can do great things.” Dot Muir

Rwenzori in Uganda

While travelling with TEAR FUND in Africa 2010, I met Daniel from Uganda, who was interested in my work in Invercargill as an early intervention teacher, with children with a special need.

He asked, “Could we do that here?” He knew of many children who needed help but there was none. Children were isolated in their family huts in desperate conditions. Families were ashamed and felt judged, some believing their child’s disability was due to witchcraft.

I advised him to start by visiting the families and asking if they would be interested in receiving help. By the time I got back home to NZ, I was the founding member of Rwenzori Special Needs Foundation!

This new non-profit organisation supports children and youth with disabilities. I asked God to be my helper.

Rwenzori in Uganda has been given status with the African Government and by our NZ Government. We have two accountants on our Board, an ordained friend, my husband, our daughter and me. A wonderful fund-raising team also give great support.

We work closely with Anglican Missions, who send all donated money to Uganda. It’s hard, and even if I feel I can’t do this anymore, I know God is urging me on to help all his children. Thanks be to God.

A call to action

Raewyn Dawson on behalf of Julie Walker, Social Concerns Convenor

Sometimes we can forget the urgency of our mission. With two people a day now commonly being murdered in Aotearoa New Zealand, and our cities all suffering from gangs, poverty and family violence, as church members we can be held accountable.

Do we show the joyful alternative? It is our mission to bring Christ and salvation to those looking to drugs and protest or prison as their only solutions.

For many, the word ‘Church’ is a synonym for either a powerless, ritualistic social club or a noisy protest group, and ‘Jesus’ is just a swear word.

To change this culture perhaps each AAW group

could visit your local Ministry of Social Development Centre (MSD locations) and take appropriate gifts to those who work there. Many Social Workers are struggling with the cruel face of hate, and need an expression of love.

More than any other action, AAW members are called to pray. Pray as individuals and groups for specific, named people from your local news who are in need, and pray with passion. It is God who has the power. It is Jesus who commands us to pray. And it is the Holy Spirit who fills us with courage to stand up for the joy of Jesus in our lives.

(Julie is going through a family time of need just now – Ed.)

Tuberculosis in the 1950s

The Rev'd Dorothy Howard, St James' Lower Hutt AAW

During the mid-1950s, I was privileged to undertake my general nursing training at the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary.

In the second year of training, the student nurses were seconded for eight weeks to East Fortune Hospital in Midlothian to gain experience in the management and treatment of tuberculosis, a disease which at that time was rampant in Scotland.

Being situated in the countryside of the Scottish Borders, it was an ideal place for treating tuberculosis, and I greatly enjoyed my time at the hospital, especially because, as a child, I had also suffered from bovine tuberculosis affecting the glands in my neck.

The wards of the hospital were spacious, with doors opening onto the verandas giving the fresh air that was considered so essential in the treatment of tuberculosis.

Patients with acute infections were not allowed visitors and so needed plenty of care and support from the staff, as well as visits from the occupational therapists. Other wards were for patients who had tuberculosis in their bones (especially the spine), or kidneys and other organs. These patients often liked to have their beds put out on the veranda, and neither rain nor even snow would deter them. They would be covered by a mound of blankets, topped with a large waterproof cover, plus hot water bottles, gloves

and beanies, with only eyes and noses visible. The nurses made do with cardigans and shivered in the snow!

The first antibiotic that was effective against tuberculosis was streptomycin, which was introduced in 1943. It remained the mainstay of treatment for many years until drug resistance reduced its effectiveness.

It still has an important place in treatment, but is usually combined with other drugs. During my time at East Fortune the two drugs used in combination with streptomycin were PAS (para-amino salicylic acid) and isoniazid, this latter remaining an important primary drug in the treatment of tuberculosis.

There is no doubt that the introduction of streptomycin revolutionised the treatment of tuberculosis and saved many lives.

In spite of their illness and ongoing discomfort, they were wonderful patients to nurse. I enjoyed spending time with them, getting to know them and, hopefully, encouraging them in their path to recovery.

(Bishop Kelvin's earlier article prompted Dorothy to recount her TB nursing experience. Ed)

AAW Hymn (adapted)

God of our journey, accept now we pray
our praises and prayers which we offer today.
Your love for all people is seen in your Son,
O grant us your grace, Lord, our God, Three in One.

Thank you for friendship, for the gift of your joy;
for the work that unites us, the words we employ.
Your church's true mission to foster we pray,
in all that we do, Lord, and in all that we say.

Bless our dear loved ones, and hold in your care
the sad and the needy wherever they are;
and strengthened by faith, Lord, may we never cease
to show in our living your love and your peace.

Jocelyn Fish: adapted by Pat Sandle
(Sung to the tune 'Slane')

The Warmth of Memories

Mary Houston

‘Now is the winter of our discontent made glorious summer...’ (Richard III)

Gloved, scarved, with beanies and heavy coats, we stamped cold feet waiting for the door to open. The large living room was heated by a huge wood-fire and, shedding outer layers, we settled with friends in front of the hearth. The lively discussions about local and global conditions reminded me of winter gatherings of my childhood.

Sunday afternoons were spent at my grandparents’ home, seated in front of the coal range, feet on the fender. Over numerous cuppas and lots of scrumptious baking, my elders would happily set the world to rights, while I

eavesdropped, supposedly reading a book.

The best of winter for me happened on frosty weekday mornings. Well wrapped up, I would scuff my way through the frosted grass, on my way to the tram which took me to school. I’d puff out my breath into steaming clouds. Where the gutters were deep, if I were lucky, I’d find worms wriggle-swimming in the water below the ice. I marvelled at the way the ice magnified the worms so they appeared larger-than-life.

Wet and windy days had their own fun: gumboots splashing through every puddle, rain coursing down my too-big-hooded raincoat onto my gumboots, the tugging wind

and my damp schoolbag bouncing on my back.

Very occasionally there was snow. Oh, the joy in the building of snowmen, of pelting my little brother with snowballs! Bringing in the firewood provided a feast of smells and textures; and I remember the admiration I had for my father as he neatly sliced kindling on the chopping block.

Yes, winter was an adventure: stews, pies, stuffed potatoes, steamed puddings, baked jam roly-polys, followed by mugs of hot cocoa. Of course, there were chilblains, coughs and runny noses, but they were just part of winter.

That recent afternoon spent with friends before an open fire has stayed in my mind because of the memories evoked. With all the horrible things happening in the world, no wonder some dubbed July 2021 ‘the winter of our discontent.’

It is especially important not to let go memories of the winter activities we have enjoyed in the past. Above all, let us remember that after each winter comes spring, that promises better times.

As the popular song of the 1980s tells us:

I beg your pardon, I never promised you a rose garden. Along with the sunshine there's gotta be a little rain sometime.

When you take you gotta give, so live, and let live or let go.

(A timely reminder to rejoice, whatever the season in life. Ed)

Auckland

Diocesan President: Margaret Rocard

St Peter's AAW, Takapuna:

Our year, like everyone's, has been very disrupted. We had a wonderful service of dedication in February 2021 with breakfast, inviting parishioners to attend. Later that night we were placed in lockdown and not able to meet until March.



Enjoying breakfast after the service of dedication.

June this year was a most enchanting evening with members bringing along their wedding photos. We

heard many wonderful and amusing stories and even had a wedding dress on display, and a couple of converted short videos. July was a presentation from The Fred Hollows Foundation – thoroughly recommended for your meetings.

Our final meeting as it turned out was in August – a shared reflection of our dear friend Nan Woods who died in July. Many beautiful stories and moments we shared with Nan were remembered.



Not to be beaten by Covid, we held a December Zoom meeting for a Christmas Trivial Pursuit.

I was delighted to hear lots of laughing, the best medicine in such difficult times.

We shall hopefully meet up again in March. Let us hope and pray 2022 will prove to be a better year for us all.

Chris Barker

Hold on to Faith, however dark the night.

God in His own time will bring tomorrow's light.

Hold on to Hope, though every chance seems gone.

For Faith and Hope work miracles, if we can just 'Hold on.'

Margaret Rocard

(Taken from a link Branch of the Mother's Union, Torquay.)



St Mary by the Sea, Torbay:

Our Community Garden was formed in September 2020 as an outreach from church to the community. Its aim was to foster friendships, share knowledge and work together to grow healthy organic vegetables. We currently have 25 gardeners, and share our excess produce when available with family and friends. There is a 'sharing shed' on church grounds for the benefit of the community.

We had planned monthly working bees and BBQs – but this was all upset by Covid. Hopefully our plans will get back on track in 2022.

Nanette Randall

Christchurch

Diocesan President: Judith Mackenzie

St Martin's AAW, Spreydon:

A recent speaker was Maria Ramirez, (aka Maria Romero. Butterfly Musketeer' / the 'Butterfly Lady'). Maria has been working on this project for roughly seven years. She wrote a book for children and as this was well received, Maria had soft toys of Monarchs made which children love. She goes to primary schools to teach them about the Monarchs and their cycle of life.

Maria gave out Swan Plant seeds for the ladies to take and plant so there is always food for Monarchs. Maria did request that we only feed them on Swan Plants.

Joan Kennaird



For more information visit:

<https://thebutterflymusketeers.com>

<https://www.nzbutterflies.org.nz/>

(Also, 'The Monarch butterfly in New Zealand' by (Dr) George Gibbs is available in many Christchurch libraries. Ed)

Holy Trinity Avonside:

Part of the history of Mothers' Union, National Council of Women and the AAW, Holy Trinity Church has risen again. It was opened for parish use on 9 January, and will be consecrated on 24 February exactly 165 years from the day that the original Church on the site was consecrated.

"There is great excitement among the parishioners about this new building," said the

Rev'd Jill Keir, Vicar of the parish. Many old friends and parish members attended the Opening Service and enjoyed a celebratory lunch together.

Raewyn Dawson

**St Peter's Upper Riccarton:
End of an era – AAW**

Over the last two years we've discussed the probability of St Peter's AAW closing. With everyone getting older



The al fresco lunch enjoyed after the service.

it has been difficult to find a new leader and committee. At our AGM in November, we decided it had come to the crunch. The Vicar moved from the Chair that the group finally close on 1 December 2021.



Judith Mackenzie presenting the certificate for exemplary service to Barbara Fleming.

We intend for those who wish, to attend the midweek service on the first Wednesday each month, to keep the friendships alive.

Our final Wednesday Holy Communion was held with 26 people attending, and then we said thank you to Barbara Fleming, our leader of many years.

Diocesan and NZ President Dr Judith Mackenzie spoke about Barbara's exemplary service, presenting her with a special certificate which is only given for such service. We gave Barbara a 'bowl of

colour', small plants that she can enjoy, and a monetary gift to use as she wishes.

With money remaining in our account, it was moved that it be used to purchase a new altar cloth which Helen McLachlan has agreed to make and embroider. The existing, rather worn cloth was donated by the AAW many years ago, and so it is fitting that this gift carries on.

Margaret Mahan

Dunedin

Diocesan President: Dot Muir

Dunedin Diocese AAW AGM, 12 March 2022. All will be welcomed at our little ‘chapel in the bush’, St Luke’s Otatarā. See native birds in their bush haven, go for a bush walk, enjoy our planning meeting and a stimulating talk.

Otatarā, a suburb of Invercargill, is unique with beaches and forest. Our seaside resort, Riverton, ‘The Rocks’ is not far from

The Rocks



St Luke’s, Otatarā

Invercargill, absolutely amazing and worth exploring. Come and spend a few days with us. Refresh, renew and revive.

Dot Muir

St Luke’s Oamaru AAW:

The Totara Estate was our venue for our end-of-year break-up. We were welcomed

by Annie, who gave us a brief history of what the place was used for nearly 150 years ago. We were presented with a lovely array of foods. The warm savouries made of mushrooms collected on the property were very tasty and presented on a three-tier plate stand, along with cucumber sandwiches. Very traditional!

The rain started pouring outside so it was good to be indoors enjoying fellowship together. Annie showed us the many Advent displays around the room. Large umbrellas were made available as we made our way back to the cars we had arrived in. A very worthwhile visit.

**Louise Wainman, Co-Leader
St Luke's Oamaru AAW**



Nelson

Diocesan President: Kathy Cuthbert

Nativity and St Christopher's AAW Groups, Blenheim:

28 members joined together on 1 December to sing carols and enjoy a short play written by Noeline Curtis from All Saints Nelson during the lockdown restrictions. It was about Mary, the mother of Jesus, talking to a young woman from today; comparing restrictions they were facing and what they were learning from it. One of their members shared some facts about Christmas traditions and then Jackie Hall from St Christopher's told us about a book she is writing on the lives of some of the parishioners. It was obvious that Jackie has honed her craft over time and collected some handy contacts along the way. We await the final product!

Suzanne Sampson

All Saints Group: Karen McKenzie-Howe spoke about her 12 years working in men's prisons in London. One of the inmates she was responsible for was the man who got into Buckingham Palace, entered the Queen's bedroom and had a conversation with the Queen. She helped with some rehabilitation programmes which were sometimes quite successful. However, the job was stressful and she is now pursuing a more restful career.

The speaker at the AGM was Flora Gastrell, speaking of her involvement in new approaches to women's health. She has also been involved in Asia with a group of professional medical people showing Christianity working in the hospital situation without giving it the Christian label. It is known as the 'Saline' process and has

four components - hospitality, cultivation, sowing and harvest. Once the four steps have been worked then the patient can 'see' Christ and this enables their recovery. Flora is involved in training others to use this process in their work within the hospital.

Margaret Borcovsky

The Waimea Women's Group: For their Christmas meeting they went to the Nelson Cathedral to see the wonderful display of over 60 Christmas trees from different community groups. They followed this up with lunch together in Stoke.

Jan South



Polynesia

Litia Smith, Circle Correspondent, Polynesia



Looking back at Mothering Sunday's joyful Service

St John's AAW took part in the service in many ways: as an Altar Server, Liturgist, Bible Reader, Preacher, Prayer Leader and Giver of Church announcements. The matching smart purple attire was organised just within a week so we could all wear it on Mothering Sunday. It made a strong statement of unity.

Stay blessed, Ladies, and have a prosperous 2022.



Waiapu

Diocesan President: Cynthia Prince

St Luke's Havelock: Covid has proved challenging for our AAW Group. October's meeting was postponed and the November AGM was held in the Church rather than our usual meeting place. This allowed for social distancing. So it was great to meet at Serendipity, a local Cafe in Hastings. Surrounded by orchards, on a beautiful summer's day, we all enjoyed an afternoon of delicious food and Christmas fellowship to celebrate the Advent Season.

Cynthia Prince



Waiapu Cathedral in Napier AAW: Our year-end celebration was a delicious meal at a Singaporean restaurant. Two large circular tables allowed easy conversation and group sharing with colourful Christmas headgear.

In 2022 we will trial other meeting times: in the evening in the summer and in the afternoon in winter. **There was also an enthusiastic call for an extra monthly get together over morning coffee which would be open to members, friends and parishioners.**

Our knitting either singly or in the knitting group continues, Social Concerns and O & O are ongoing, as is financial assistance to renovations in the main Cathedral kitchen.

Susan John

Waikato & Taranaki

Diocesan Representative: Norma Benton

Te Kuiti St. Luke's Fellowship:

Our members gathered in front of the new altar frontal that was blessed in July 2021 by the Rev'd Jekheli Singh, before her departure to Hamilton.

The quilted and embellished piece was made by Elizabeth Hayes, for the Season of Ordinary Time. Featured is the Tree of Life, representing creation and new growth on a mainly green background. This frontal now completes the set of panels of the Seasons for St. Luke's church.

Elizabeth Hayes



Green altar frontal quilt made by Elizabeth Hayes, for St Luke's Te Kuiti.



Elizabeth is the one on the left in green jersey in the group photo.

Holy Trinity AAW, and Fitzroy, New Plymouth December

Celebration: At last – we got together – the first time since our August meeting! We had a delicious lunch at Palmers Garden Centre with members and friends of Holy Trinity Church. It was an appropriate time afterwards to wander

around the garden centre and buy lovely Christmas gifts in their beautiful shop. Now we will all be ready for 2022!

Norma Benton



St Luke's, Rotorua:
A happy group of members gathered after their Christmas luncheon. Wishing all groups God's blessings for 2022.

Pat Gellatly



St Luke's Rotorua AAW

Wellington

Diocesan President: Mary Driver

Northern Advent Service:

Diocesan Members, representatives from St Mary's Levin and guests from St Matthews Church, Palmerston North joined with St Peter's AAW to celebrate Advent at St Peter's Church in Palmerston North. The Rev'd Stuart Goodin, Vicar of St Peter's, welcomed those present and conducted this joyful service. The hymns were sung to the accompaniment provided by Robert Cleaver, organist.

St Peter's hosts a monthly Seniors' Luncheon and the guests at the Advent Service joined in to share the Christmas meal. Mrs Mary Driver, Wellington Diocesan President and Mrs Mary Estcourt, Vice President were welcomed. Thanks were given to the Rev'd Stuart and Robert for their contribution. A special thanks to the St

Peter's catering team for providing a delicious meal.

A raffle was held and the \$158 raised will be contributed to our Overseas & Outreach Fund. A most successful day and hopefully it will be repeated in 2022.

Janice Viles

St John's & St Michael's AAW Christmas Celebration:

On 2 December, our final meeting of the year, we welcomed our Diocesan President and Vice President and visitors from the Tawa/Linden AAW Group as well as our own members.

We started with the Service of Gifts and Light from our 2004 AAW Book of Services.

This lovely service, with the lighting of candles to signify light, love, joy, peace, patience and tolerance,

kindness and generosity was very apt for the year we've had with the worries of Covid and for the start of Advent, a time of waiting and hoping.

Our entertainment was provided by the Tinakore Handbell Choir, directed by Celia Hulbert. This choir was formed around 30 years ago and one of our members, Claire Hunter, has been a member for over 20 years. They played a number of Christmas carols which we were able to hum or sing to. The ambience of our church bathed in purple light and the music was inspiring and uplifting.

We ended the afternoon with a festive afternoon tea provided by the committee.

Pat Vincent



Submissions/Subscriptions

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