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A magazine for New Zealand women



Changes in housing – Boomers and millennials

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

As the importance of homes and homelife feature in this edition, we are thrilled to highlight Jane Simpson's *Farewelling a Home: a liturgy* in her sensitive article. (See p8)

We continue with our two sections:

- **Catalyst Corner** – an excellent article by Sue Barlow: Coping with Mental Illness. (See p23).
- **Did you know?** – Lynne Scott explains clearly what the Fellowship of the Least Coin is really about. We now know it isn't just 'yet another fundraiser' that many see it as. (See p18)

From the President

This winter there has been a lot of rain, and in some places excessive rain causing rivers to overflow and cause devastation especially in the farming area. One badly hit area was in South Canterbury, around the Ashburton area. Recently, **I visited St Stephen's Church in Ashburton and gave them ten generous Food Vouchers to be distributed to families who had experienced flood damage to their property.** The vouchers were purchased with money from the NZAAW Emergency Fund.

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 the Anglican Bishop of Auckland, the Rt Rev Ross Bay, who comments on changes in housing in Auckland, with 'single older houses replaced by three or more town houses or

semi-detached units, with the remaining ground covered more by concrete drives than by lawn or garden'. **Bishop Ross challenges us to consider how we deal with the many changes in housing and family life, in relation to aims of the AAW and the continued impact of COVID-19 and its lockdowns.** (*Full article on p6.*)

Highlights from the Tamaki Regeneration Project

I attended the Auckland AAW Social Concerns talk by David Tucker on the Tamaki Regeneration Project. (*Julie Walker's full report, p14.*)

- New homes were being built, some apartments, some rental, some for families to buy and own their homes.
- Social aspects of the development and economic matters were discussed openly with families.
- All aspects of urban design are included in the project, e.g parks, sports fields, shops, transport.
- Provision of schools for all ages of children, pre-school to secondary, and tertiary education linked to Auckland University.

Judith Mackenzie

A Prayer to Love Our Home

Dear Lord, sometimes I lose perspective when viewing the gifts right in front of me. I start to believe my dream house must be somewhere else, because it certainly couldn't be right here in this mess. Help me refocus my heart and find contentment right here, in this place You so graciously provided for me. Help me honour You through learning to take care of the home I have and showing love to the people who enter through my door. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Melissa Michaels

Bishop Ross reflects

The Family Home

In 1972 Whitcombe and Tombs published Austin Mitchell's satirical description of 1960s Kiwi life and culture Half-Gallon Quarter-Acre Pavlova Paradise.

How much has changed since then, though some things remain. Our beer consumption has not ebbed, though no longer from half-gallon kegs; and our love of pavlova continues.

But a drive through the streets of Auckland – and other cities and larger towns – quickly shows the dramatic demise of the rectangular quarter-acre suburban section with flower gardens, fruit trees and ample room for the kids to play.

Everywhere we see single older houses replaced by three or more town houses

or semi-detached units, with the remaining ground covered more by concrete drives than by lawn or garden.

In many new housing developments, in Auckland at least, garages are either non-existent or are converted into an additional living space, and narrow streets are clogged with parked cars.

Consequently, family life has become more and more an indoor affair with recreational pursuits electronically based, or destination-based at the gym, the sports field, or the shopping mall.

Meeting our neighbours over the fence is made less likely than a generation ago with higher fences and a greater desire for privacy.

All these changes in the way we live, to say nothing of the increased ethnic and religious diversity of those alongside

whom we live, nor of the continued impact of COVID and its lockdowns, place the aims of the AAW in an ever-changing light.

More than ever before, we need the creative inspiration of the Holy

Spirit as we find new ways of uniting in prayer, of participating in the Church's mission, and of promoting, safeguarding and nurturing Christian family life.

Bishop Ross Bay was ordained and installed as Bishop of Auckland on 17 April 2010. He was raised in Auckland and grew up attending local schools in Papatoetoe. In 2006 he became Archdeacon of Auckland then Dean of Holy Trinity Cathedral and Vicar General of the Diocese. He is married to Jacquie who is a research academic at Auckland University. In his spare time, he enjoys squash and is a volunteer with Fire and Emergency NZ.

From The Blessing of a Home

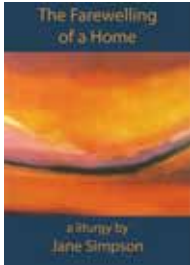
(NZPB page 763)

‘Except the Lord build the house,
Their labour is but lost that build it.
Encircle this dwelling place with your protection, O God;
may your holy angels encompass these walls,
and peace be within them.’

A quick glance at the index of the New Zealand Prayer Book (NZPB) reveals many useful pastoral liturgies. Do explore them. (Ed)

Farewelling a Home

Jane Simpson



Closing the door of your home for the last time is something few of us can imagine.

This is even

more difficult if leaving a family home of perhaps 20, 30 or 40 years, full of memories.

Some householders will never have the opportunity to linger and remember.

Their much-loved home may be taken in a natural disaster. They may be admitted to hospital for palliative care or need treatment for a previously undiagnosed illness, not knowing they will never return to the place they call home.

Can they farewell their home? My response is unreservedly 'Yes!'

When I wrote my liturgy, *The Farewelling of a Home*, last year I had all these people in mind.

Now that my book, *The Farewelling of a Home: a liturgy*, has been published, clergy expect householders moving into retirement villages will use it in increasing numbers.

People have said the poetry is beautiful and helps them see their lives in a new light, as loved by their Creator God. I pray the liturgy will do this for countless thousands around the world. May you all, as AAW members, make it known wherever you go.

Copies of Jane's book are available through Poiema Liturgies, www.poiema.co.nz/shop. Cost: \$15.00 + \$4.50 p&p.

Auckland City Mission HomeGround project

Auckland City Mission's new building looking like home

Deb Ward

Fundraising and Reputation Manager,
Auckland City Mission



Auckland City Mission's new building, HomeGround, is starting to look like home. With the scaffolding coming off, the prospect of a new place of transformation and healing for people in desperate need is becoming a reality.

HomeGround includes 80 permanent apartment homes for people sleeping rough or on the social housing register, with 24/7 support services, a shared rooftop garden and a residents' lounge. It also features a community dining room,

community spaces, a multi-disciplinary health centre, a pharmacy and addiction withdrawal services. The community spaces will give visitors access to a range of social, recreational, educational and vocational activities.

All that HomeGround promises will come to life in November when the building opens. As well as a place for residents, all visitors will be welcomed to HomeGround's beautiful community spaces, have a function room for hire, and retail spaces.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

'A community can flourish only when its most vulnerable are treated with compassion and dignity, and when effective measures and resources are applied to restore their mental and physical wellbeing. This is the purpose of Project HomeGround. We trust all Aucklanders will help us realise this vision.'

Chris Farrelly, Auckland City Missioner

For more information about HomeGround and to support it, please visit <https://www.aucklandcitymission.org.nz/homeground/>



High rise building offering hope.

Wellington City Mission New Housing



Wellington City Missioner, Murray Edridge, is excited about Te Pā Pori. It's the Wellington City Mission's new transitional housing facility.

“The Tory Street facility offers an opportunity to make a significant dent in a social issue in Wellington.

“It’s an exciting opportunity and the scale of the building is significant because it means we can house more people and work with people on the problems they’re facing.”

The new carvings at the building’s entrance make the stand-out zebra-striped building even more of a landmark than it is already.

Te Pā Pori includes 83 apartments – more than 70 of which are self-contained units. There are also communal spaces for people to gather.

Te Pā Pori has the capacity for four communities - Men, women, transgender and couples.

Visit <https://wellingtoncitymission.org.nz>



Murray Edridge with Kura Wanikau in front of Te Pā Pori

Christchurch City Mission Redevelopment

Transforming how we help people get back on track

City Missioner Matthew Mark is excited at the potential to change lives the new complex will provide.

“Homelessness, food insecurity, addiction, mental health and isolation are major social barriers to an ability to live successfully in our community.”

The three new buildings planned, hosting multiple services, will emerge over two stages. They will include:

- A 15-bed transitional housing facility.
- A new self-service mana-enhancing Foodbank.
- Offices for the Social Workers
- Social enterprise initiatives include: a cafe, a catering business as well as a new op shop and warehouse.



Christchurch City Mission

Te Whare Mihana Ki Ōtautahi

Our emergency accommodation, day programmes, learning hub, residential detox, addiction and mental health services will continue. Full details at: <https://www.citymission.org.nz/news>



Construction starts

Anglican Family Care Dunedin

Jane Hutton,

Practice Manager Anglican Family Care



Anglican Family Care is a social services agency serving rural and urban communities in Otago. We work with whānau and support individuals in need.

Over the past several years, housing affordability and lack of availability have continued to negatively impact our clients. Post COVID the situation has worsened as landlords return from overseas to live in their houses. We continue to have client whānau living in sub-standard accommodation, with some community members permanently housed at camping sites. Kainga Ora's waiting list means some clients will not realistically receive housing due to demand and criteria.

We have had increased numbers of whānau living in emergency accommodation for significant periods of time. Motel accommodation can be unsuitable and expensive.

A large percentage of the household budget goes into housing, creating food insecurity and difficulty paying for power and heating.

Anglican Family Care supports clients to find stable, quality housing through advocacy with Kāinga Ora, Work & Income and landlords.



Tamaki Regeneration

Julie Walker, Social Concerns Convenor

AAW Social Concerns: Tamaki Regeneration Talk

‘New Zealand has a home affordability crisis - and it’s getting worse.’ That was the headline on the front page of Friday’s 30 April New Zealand Herald. This headline reinforced the significance of the AAW Auckland Diocese Social Concerns talk we were to have at Holy Trinity Church, Otahuhu that morning by David Tucker from ‘Tamaki Regeneration’ - the largest urban regeneration programme in New Zealand.

What was being talked about was not just a housing project but a whole social enterprise project that was seeking to provide better education outcomes, access to more skills, and job opportunities for people while focusing on a key goal of helping them into their own homes. This

government and council-supported programme is committed to building 10,500 homes over the next 25 years.

The aim of the project is to establish alongside the support of the local people a community that is balanced, inclusive and diverse in terms of its inhabitants’ socio-economic status and ethnicity. David Tucker used

the term ‘blind tenure’ to refer to the fact that there was equity within the project in that all houses within the project whether state or privately owned (there is a mix of both) are physically the same.

For people to have better housing outcomes and therefore better life outcomes, there is a need for people to have ownership of the process towards achieving these goals.

They are looking to fund local people to take on a kaimanaaki role (someone who works for the betterment of others) to shape four vacant land sites into temporary spaces where the community can come to connect. Community gardens, art installations, and places to do carvings, traditional arts or spaces for children to play are possible uses for the spaces. Local artists are also encouraged to contribute.

The redevelopment and repurposing of the Glenn Innes shopping centre, including the creation of a 'wellbeing village' working in conjunction with an urban marae is an important part of the urban regeneration

project.

Living in this community means that you will have access to a planned wrap-around support service in terms of health, education and social services and social concerns needs.

Being an early-childhood teacher, I was interested to hear about the contract that has been made with the early childhood provider 'Best Start' to provide education for the tamariki of the area and to support parents in their role as the first educators of their children.

The 30 year project has what is called the 'Tamaki guarantee': the promise to support people to stay in their own neighbourhood.



The Tamaki regeneration

Overseas & Outreach

Extracts from Anglican Missions and Christian World Service (CWS) Newsletters

COVID Appeal for Fiji

CWS is appealing for Fiji where COVID-19 and hunger are spreading rapidly.

Their partner, SEEP (Social Empowerment Education Programme), works primarily in rural areas where staff have helped to protect communities from COVID-19.

SEEP is seeking urgent funding to provide:

- emergency ration packs for large families and



SEEP food basket

those with disabled or elderly members, including people living in the informal settlements. A ration pack costs \$83 and includes root crops and other vegetables purchased from the 43 rural communities with whom SEEP works. SEEP will ensure strict handling procedures and full PPE gear from staff distributing the packs.

- hygiene and first aid supplies to the rural community dispensaries and nurses as well as PPE.
- provide seeds, soil and seed trays so people can start or expand home gardens.

We ask for your continued prayers for all people at risk of COVID-19, especially in India, Sri Lanka and Fiji.

Operation Refugee

Operation Refugee has got off to a good start – thanks to last year’s participants who have signed up again. Will you join this year’s challenge?

There are two streams of activity: Walk the Talk and Food for Life. We invite your church to plan a banquet,



meal or walk to raise funds for refugees in Jordan and Lebanon.

Donations to Operation Refugee will fund work with Syrian, Palestinian and Iraqi refugees in Jordan and Lebanon.

Money raised will fund emergency rations, education and medical care.

Organiser Eric Park is keen to help: eric.park@cws.org.nz or phone 022 377 6606

Get one, Give one

Anglican Missions asks that when you get your COVID jab, you donate at least \$10 towards the cost of someone in the world’s poorest and most disadvantaged countries getting protection too.



Donate at [Givealittle.co.nz/fundraiser/get-one-give-one](https://givealittle.co.nz/fundraiser/get-one-give-one)

Donations are tax deductible

Did you know...

Fellowship of the Least Coin (FLC)

Lynne Scott

Church Women United Aotearoa NZ



The Symbol of the Fellowship of the Least Coin

The circle represents the whole world and the logo includes folded hands in prayer that encircle a small plum flower. The hands are different colours to represent people of all backgrounds. Together, these praying hands form the image of a lotus flower.

The lotus plant grows in muddy ponds but its flower rises above the murky water and opens beautifully, without blemish. In the same spirit, although women and girls all over the world face oppression and injustices of many kinds, with prayer and support they, too, can rise above these circumstances with dignity and grace.

This movement emerged as a vision **Mrs Shanti Solomon** of India had when refused a visa to travel with a mission team to Korea in 1956, and is a discipline for finding peace within ourselves. After offering a prayer for peace and forgiveness, each member puts aside the least coin of their currency as a symbol of their covenant with God to forgive and love her enemies.

Gifts of love

Fellowship of the Least Coin is not primarily a fundraising project. It is a movement of *Prayer for Peace and Reconciliation and Justice* for all. It is difficult for women to find peace and justice in many

countries of the world, but because of these 'Gifts of Love', these Least Coins, many women have learned to have the dignity of being able to earn a living.

The 'Least Coin' never meant literally the smallest coin. Members can put in any coin of their currency, which can be given away without feeling the pinch of giving according to their economic status. Therefore, the least or the smallest coin has a significance for each member.

Grants have been given over the past decades for many projects throughout the world, where women have learned to read and write, do tailoring and dressmaking, attended adult literacy classes, and learned economics and other life changing skills.

The funds of FLC are administered by an International Committee, which meets annually. This Committee sets policies

and guidelines for the administration of the funds, awards scholarships and selects projects. Priority is given to any projects initiated and administered by women.

Emergency grants may be available for relief programmes in cases of national disasters. A portion of the fund is used for ICFLC administration.

To view PowerPoint presentations of the amazing range of 23 projects supported in 2019, two scholarship winners and recipients of emergency grants, visit the www.fellowshipoftheleastcoin.org

Church Women United Aotearoa NZ (CWU ANZ) is responsible for the organisation and promotion of the Fellowship of the Least Coin on behalf of the International Committee. It is also the link for New Zealand women with the Asian Church Women's Conference. CWU ANZ uses material provided by IFLC to hold an annual

'Ingathering Dedication Service' where local groups may bring their contributions. Other groups throughout the country send these directly to our Treasurer: P O Box 5077, Christchurch.

To donate:

Church Women United in Aotearoa/NZ Fellowship of the Least Coin Westpac account:

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Lynne Scott



Prayer of Fellowship of the Least Coin

O loving Creator, we present ourselves in your divine presence to thank you for all the bountiful gifts of life. We are especially grateful for the Fellowship of the Least Coin which binds us together in love and forgiveness around the globe. Free us from all doubts and prejudices, we pray. Inspire us to live in solidarity with humankind that we may know the joy of giving and receiving.

Dear God, accept this least coin 'token of love'. Make us mindful of the miracles of these coins. Let us honour your creation with love, as shown through the life, death and resurrection of your son, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Shining the spotlight

International Women's Caucus

Pat Vincent

Past President AAW NZ

The Ministry for Women convenes the International Women's Caucus, which is a forum for government agencies and non-government organisations (NGOS) to work collaboratively on international issues relevant to the interests and well-being of women. The meetings are held quarterly and until 2020 were here in Wellington.

The next meetings are scheduled to be held in Nelson and Auckland. In February 2020 I attended my first meeting representing AAW.

May was our last meeting and there were women representing about 12 different organisations including from the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, Salvation Army,

Rural Women NZ and Pacific Women's Watch. Each person introduces themselves and says a little about their organisation, which is a great way to network. As a result of this I am meeting up with the Territorial President of Women's Ministries and co-leader of The Salvation Army in New Zealand, Fiji, Tonga and Samoa. The morning session is for the Ministry to report back on their latest initiatives. The impact of COVID was a main feature of all the discussions.

Speakers and initiatives were:

- Tracy Mears, Manager of Employment Relations with the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE), spoke on Fair Pay Agreements

designed to allow unions and employers to set minimum standards in an industry with its possible impacts on women.

- National Engagement Plan led by Hon Marama Davidson on the elimination of violence against women and children. www.violencefree.govt.nz
- Commission on the Status of Women
- Gender action Plan
- 'Growing up in NZ' Survey by the Ministry of Women
- Period Poverty
- Maori and Pacific in Business Report
- The Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW)
- Women and COVID-19

One of the issues raised by the NGOs was the Istanbul

Convention: The concern is that Turkey has now withdrawn from this human rights treaty of the Council of Europe against violence towards women and domestic violence. The NGOs wanted NZ to show support for the Convention, as had President Biden. The Ministry for Women are to raise this with the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT).

The first part of the afternoon session is closed to only NGOs to have a discussion and to decide on what questions they would like to pose to the Ministry and in this case to the Hon Jan Tinetti, the new Minister for Women.

The Minister confirmed to the Caucus that she is keen to continue working closely with them as her 'eyes and ears' for women in the community.

In summary it was a very informative and interesting meeting.

Catalyst Corner

Coping with Mental Illness

Sue Barlow

Coordinator for the St James' Group Lower Hutt.

Mental illness is no joke, either for those who suffer from it or for those who try to deal with it. However, it is an all-too-common experience which can impair the lives of those who encounter it. What can we do about this, as a family, as a community, as an employer?

Family

- Continue to love and value the person who is ill.
- Seek medical advice as soon as possible and accompany the family member to a medical consultation.
- Access help from dedicated organizations.
- Try to evaluate the effects of medication particularly any behavioural changes.

- Consult the Medsafe data base on drug reactions to investigate any unexpected effects of medications.
- Be aware that talk therapy may be an alternative to drug therapy.

Community

- Greet the person who is ill with a smile and a level, 'Hello'. Don't turn aside, smirk, exchange glances about the person, stare at them – or gossip.
- Do not insist on eye-contact if none is forthcoming.
- Understand that the causes of a person's illness may be complex and any diagnosis is best left to medical professionals.

- Recognise that the warmth and acceptance often found in a church congregation can be a powerful healing influence.

Employer

- Some people do present at work while experiencing mental distress. These may be people who have always struggled with their job but, on the other hand, they may have been excellent employees in the past.
- Do not just ignore the problem and hope it will go away.
- Do not use public criticism or humiliation to encourage a resignation.
- Do read the on-line information from the Mental Health Foundation NZ

- The programme Open Minds recommends a quiet, private talk, (perhaps with a counsellor present), in which the employer fairly evaluates positive and negative aspects of the employee's work.
- There may be a recommendation to see a doctor or take some time off.
- If possible, colleagues from the workplace should keep in touch with the person who is unwell.

With the support of the people around them, some people do recover from mental distress and go on to lead full and confident lives.

**Mental Health Awareness
Week 27 September to 3
October 2021.**

Auckland

Supporting the Auckland City Mission HomeGround Project:

St Aidan's Afternoon Women's Fellowship held a Garden Party, charging \$20 per head to raise some badly needed funds for the housing project.

We had a sunny Sunday afternoon, a well-groomed garden, outdoor seating and our resident choir sang popular light music accompanied by our wonderful organist on her electronic keyboard. The committee provided incredible edibles and we served tea and coffee. Several were very generous with us raising \$2,2210 - so it was a worthwhile project.

The HomeGround Project: is a purpose-built headquarters set for completion later this year offering 40 apartments for chronically homeless clients and another 40 for those on the Social Housing Register who desperately need homes. The top floor will be sold as



St Aidan's Garden Party

permanent apartments.

The building will have a social worker and security on site 24/7. There will be both medical and dental services available plus detox and trauma services, with a shower, clean bed and a meal offered for those in need. Along with its everyday work, the City Mission provides a cooked lunch with a professional chef, with the assistance of volunteers from parishes and the corporate organisations. Volunteers have a regular rostered duty which enables the Mission staff to carry out their work on the frontline of poverty and vulnerability.

Robyn Bridgman. St. Aidan's AAW

Christchurch

Social Concerns Meeting, St Barnabas 28 June 2021

Janette Sprott, the Community Volunteer Coordinator from Anglican Care, gave a very informative talk on the subject of Energy Poverty. Christchurch is divided into 10 areas, 1-10. The financially poorer areas 8, 9 and 10 are visited.

Two volunteers go door-knocking together, to enquire if households are managing their power accounts, and offering free lightbulbs.

These lightbulbs are the 9w LED Eco Bulbs giving out the equivalent of 100w, and costing \$2 per year for an average of 1,000 hours. Old bulbs cost \$25 per year. As explained, this is the saving for the planet of removing 50 cars off the road over a year.

Along with the light bulb incentives, she explained the use of two other cost saving methods.

1) Without double glazing when condensation builds up on the inside of windows, she recommended using gadgets called Scoopies. These are bladed scrapers similar to a shower cleaner scraper, but with a hollow handle which collects the water when using the scraper in an upward movement. The handle screws off and can be emptied down a drain.

2) Heat loss from single glazed windows can be as much as 10% - 28%. To effectively create double glazing, she recommended using Shrink Film. This product is similar to a tough cling wrap, and attached to window frames on the inside creates an insulating space between the Film and glass. It has to be applied carefully using a hair dryer to smooth out crinkles and shrink tightly to size, but

it can be most effective in stopping condensation.

Homes should be kept at a temperature between 18-21 degrees in living areas and lower in bedrooms. Windows should be opened 5 - 10 minutes every day to air the house out. Heat pumps should be turned off if not required

and restarted with fresh air which only takes 10 minutes to reach a good temperature.

Volunteers were always needed to help with door knocking. Phone 027 672 7378 if interested to help in any way.

**Chris Kirkland,
Heathcote/Mt Pleasant AAW**



Janet Love and Liz Paisley leaving to deliver more hospital packs to Timaru Hospital.

Marchwiell Daytime AAW (South Canterbury)

The Daytime AAW group at Marchwiell Parish are continuing to donate the toiletry packs to our local hospital.

These ones were taken to I C U, Medical and Surgical Wards. Although we are a small group we have to date donated over 220 packs.

Janet Love, Marchwiell AAW

Dunedin

Dot Muir: AAW President

Gladstone AAW Invercargill:

A delightful get together for a mid-winter feast with the ladies from All Saints Gladstone AAW Invercargill and one lady's husband, was held at the newly refurbished Homestead Restaurant in July.

Talking with many of the ladies that attended this function about "Why AAW?" most responded it was because they may have been new to the city, coming from many country parts, other areas in NZ or from overseas. They found it difficult getting to know people in Invercargill and wanted company and to make friends. Through AAW these relationships have blossomed over many years. These ladies continually knit little garments for children of South Centre Anglican Family Care, Invercargill, and although their sight and hand



movements are not as strong as some years ago, they keep on striving and achieving. Each year the group gives generously to their children's Christmas party.

Earlier in the year people came to talk with them regarding the Refugee Community, another area of need.

I enjoyed getting to know members more and learning what AAW is doing here in Invercargill.

**Lord, help us to serve others throughout your world.
Amen.**

Nelson

AAW Nelson Cathedral Group

At their March meeting this group welcomed Sarah Hall, a volunteer from the Koha Shed, an organisation which started in Wanganui in 2012.

Their sole aim is to alleviate poverty, and donated goods are given to struggling low income and refugee families. No money ever changes hands and anything in reasonable condition that pertains to the running of a home is accepted as well as food and clothing. The AAW group pledged to help advertise and support the organisation and they followed this up in July by holding a trading table which raised \$300 to buy cleaning materials.

Angela Shaw

Nativity Group Blenheim

Helen Greenall, a recent speaker, spoke about her time nursing in Saudi Arabia. She trained as an enrolled nurse in the 80's, became a registered nurse and then went on to take up a position as a paediatric nurse in Arabia for 12 months. She stayed for 21 years! She worked at the King Faisal specialist hospital and research centre which had 1000 beds and lots of resources.

Accommodation was provided for the women - strictly policed with no male visitors allowed. Passports were handed over on arrival so they needed approval before holidays out of the country were granted. They worked 12 hour shifts for seven days over a fortnight.

Suzanne Sampson

Waimea Women’s Fellowship Visit to Willowbank Heritage Village

On a cool frosty morning we had a tour around this amazing village just south of Wakefield. There were many little buildings all housing a different type of activity that would have once been found in homes, shops and villages around NZ. The attention to detail is amazing and many comments came like, “My grandma did her washing like that!” After a good browse



everyone enjoyed a hot cup of tea or coffee in the warm hall, served in bone china tea sets with scones and jam and cream. Great place for an outside picnic in the summer.

Diane Higgins



Willowbank Authentic washhouse

Polynesia

Litia Smith, Circle Correspondent, Polynesia

Fiji has been hit by the 2nd wave of Covid and we are praying for God’s healing for the nation. We hope and pray that the tide will soon turn and it will be out of the worst.

Samoa and Tonga are having their services as normal and we are grateful for having some reports of their Mothering Sunday and World Day of Prayer.

Our Diocese is in mourning for our late Archbishop Fereimi Cama, aged 66, primate of Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia.

Archbishop Fereimi had served as Archbishop since March 2019, when he was consecrated Bishop of Polynesia, becoming the first Fijian to serve as an archbishop in the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia. He has been a strong leader on

climate justice advocacy and natural disaster preparedness. May his soul rest in peace and rise in glory. We pray for the family and our church family across the DOP.

We thank God in everything because he is the Author and Finisher of our Faith.



Mothers’ Sunday, All Saints Anglican Church, Apia



Tonga Episcopal Unit, AAW Combined Service at All Saints Anglican Church, Fasi

Waiapu

Cynthia Prince, AAW President

In the footsteps of St Paul in Malta

Our Vicar, Father John Matthews, and his wife Sue spoke to St Luke's AAW Evening Fellowship Havelock North on the three-day pilgrimage to Malta they led to follow in the footsteps of St Paul. The group was from their Parish Church in Wales. The talk started with this prayer:

God of our pilgrimage, you have given us a desire to take the questing way and set out on our journey. Help us to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, that whatever we encounter as we travel we may seek to glorify you by the way we live. Amen.

Father John emphasised to us that this was not a 'tourist trip' where people just go to see the sights (and sites) but a pilgrimage where they 'glorify God' by the way they live.



Father John presiding at the National Shrine of St Paul, Malta

The presentation took the form of Father John talking about the pictures taken, while Sue read from the New Testament on St Paul's journey: Acts 27, outlined the 'Storm at Sea' and 'The shipwreck' and Acts 28 'In Malta'.

Rotorua AAW: Ten members met on a rainy day and watched the YouTube videos of our missionaries in Cambodia, Costa Rica, Papua New Guinea (PNG) and Uganda on OHP. Later we enjoyed an Overseas and Outreach fundraising lunch of soups and homemade rolls, with Vicar, Bruce Allport and Admin Assistant, Carole, joining us. We made \$60. One member, June Wills,

celebrated her 100th Birthday in July and was visited by a few of us and presented with a card and everlasting flowers.

In August we focused on Social Concerns and put together packs providing essential toiletry needs for emergency admissions at Rotorua Hospital.

We look forward to getting to know three new members over the next few months.

Pat Gellatly, Rotorua AAW



Cambodia: the Dunbar children



Uganda: Class CREW



Uganda: newly constructed Pwunu Dyang ODH Health Center



Costa Rica: Andy and Shona Miller



PNG: Scott Wheeler and team at work

Waikato & Taranaki

St Chad's AAW Taranaki Archdeaconry Link day

Members from several AAW groups from New Plymouth & Stratford gathered for a shared lunch at midday on 1 June 2021.

Following a delicious finger food lunch plus time to enjoy fellowship with others, seldom seen, at 1pm we were seated to hear the guest speaker. Leader Pam King was delighted to introduce the Rev Jamie Allen, who was a previous Dean of St Mary's Cathedral here in New Plymouth.

Jamie and his wife Suzy purchased land at Omata, near the city, where they have established a home for their family, a chapel, centre and accommodation for the Taranaki Retreat. There they, along with other health providers, give support to many men, women and children who have been

suffering from grief of various causes, especially in relation to suicide.

Along with a very informative talk, Jamie provided a large number of photographs of the establishment. There was then time for questions, which were quite varied in nature and also poignant as some of those present shared memories of personal situations regarding family members. Jamie answered all with great sensitivity.

He was thanked by Mary Needs and much applause from all present. A collection raised \$300, which was to be deposited in the Retreat's bank account.

The afternoon concluded with a service of Reflection, ably led by Lay Preacher, Evelyn Froom.

Pam King, St Chad's AAW

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