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Connecting Anglican Women



'...peace which the world cannot give.'

Refresh Renew Rejoice

This three-year theme was announced at the 2021 NZAAW Triennial Conference, Christchurch.

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 to help provide a focus. 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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Cover: The Christmas message can show ‘a peace that the world cannot give.’ Archbishop David’s article is on page 8.



Editorial note

KiwiHarvest ...deliver rescued food, enabling agencies to concentrate on tackling their core issues, and re-focus their funding on programmes to help their clients. In this issue, Julie Walker, our Social Concerns Convenor, highlights their vital work. (See p12)

Anglican Missions' ethos is clearly stated in the article from Raewyn Dawson, Overseas & Outreach Co-ordinator (p16).

Our speciality sections:

- **Did you know?** – *The importance of the relationship of AAW and NCWNZ is shown in the article covering the NCWNZ 125th Celebration. (See p6)*
- **Catalyst Corner** – *The Charter of Compassion – an international movement for all faiths – is something AAW is committed to supporting. (See p20)*

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 Archbishop Emeritus Sir David Moxon reflecting on the faith of the late Queen Elizabeth II.

We were all saddened to hear that her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II had died but offer grateful thanks for her faith-filled life. She was a wonderful Christian and an inspiration and example to us all. The Queen was a gracious lady, a hard worker and dedicated to her responsibilities as Monarch.

In September, I attended the celebration of the 125th anniversary of National Council of Women New Zealand (which had been postponed for a year) held at Parliament. Pat Vincent gives a detailed account in her Report (p6).

On 1 October, the NZAAW Executive met in Christchurch for a one-day meeting. Our NZAAW Treasurer, Anne Gover, was unable to travel because of surgery on her lower leg. Via a Zoom link, Anne was able to join us most of the day from her home in Gore with her leg elevated. Dot Muir, the Dunedin Diocesan AAW President, joined the meeting for a few hours via Zoom as she was unable to attend for the day. Our next NZAAW meeting will be held in Napier in May 2023 to elect and welcome our incoming New Zealand President.

Christchurch has been treated to lovely blossom trees in flower and the gardens are full of spring blooms although we had a few extremely cold days and woke up to snow on the ground last week. May we all look forward to some warmer weather in the future.

NZAAW Facebook: Our new non-Group Facebook page is growing. Our Group page is working well with Raewyn's posts stimulating excellent engagement. The two FB pages are designed to run in tandem and complement each other.

(Click  on www.nzaaw.org.nz)

Judith Mackenzie

125th Birthday Celebration of NCWNZ

Pat Vincent, NCWNZ member, NZAAW Past President

The National Council of Women New Zealand (Te Kaunihera Wahine o Aotearoa) celebrated this Anniversary of our organisation and our achievements for women, at Parliament, on 13 September. It was on this date in 1933 that Elizabeth McCombs became our first woman MP.

AAW has always been supportive of NCWNZ with its remits and social conscience.

I was fortunate to be part of the Celebration organising committee, led by Bernice Williams from the Wellington Branch. It was lovely to have Dr Judith Mackenzie, our NZAAW President, Anne Gover, Treasurer, and Julie Walker, Social Concerns Convenor, all present.



We were welcomed by our host the Hon. Jan Tinetti, Minister for Women, followed by a performance by the Newlands Intermediate School Kapa Haka Group, who were amazing (I am slightly biased as it is the school I taught at for many years). This was followed by presentations from the NCWNZ President, Dr Suzanne Manning. The next speaker was on behalf

of Countdown, the sponsor. The keynote speaker was Dr Saunoamaali'i Karanina Sumeo, Equal Opportunities Commissioner with the NZ Human Rights Commission.

Like the others, she emphasised there was still a way to go for women to gain gender equality, particularly in employment. Beryl Anderson, NZOM, presented the Distinguished Service Awards, (including to Elizabeth Lee, a long time AAW member). There was an appropriately decorated cake cut and enjoyed by the participants.



The bust of Kate Sheppard



Meri Te Tai Mangakāhia, was the first recorded woman to address the Kotahitanga Māori Parliament in 1893, contending that women be given the right to sit and vote in it.



Archbishop David reflects

Faith and Farewell



On Christmas Day 1939, when England had been at war with Germany for three months, King George VI gave a speech. The broadcast included part of the preamble to a poem by Minnie Louise Haskins:

“I said to the man who stood at the Gate of the Year: ‘Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown.’ And he replied: ‘Go out into the darkness, and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light, and safer than a known way.’”

At this time, the nation still bore the scars of World War I, in which more than 9 million British and Commonwealth soldiers had died - 18,000 from Aotearoa New Zealand. We, England, and many Commonwealth countries lived in the uncertainty, privation and death that loomed with the country’s declaration of war against Nazi Germany on September 3, 1939.

In the midst of war-torn Europe, the King's well-known faith statement inspired a nation. But it was the 13-year-old King's daughter, Princess Elizabeth, who had given him the poem - she thought it would be helpful in lifting the hearts of millions at that terrible time. It was a sign of Elizabeth's Christian instinct already forming, even then.

The Queen's mother was also a devout Christian, and used to make a retreat at the Anglican monastery at Mirfield every year. That Community of the Resurrection centred the Royal Family in an Easter faith year after year through the Queen mother.

This is the kind of faith that shaped Elizabeth from her very earliest days and all her life. **This is the grain in the heartwood of her character.** Perhaps one of the best tap roots of this core spirituality is the text found in 2 Corinthians 6:4 and following:

'As servants of God we commend ourselves in every

way: in great endurance; in troubles, hardships and distresses;...'in purity, understanding, patience and kindness; in the Holy Spirit and in sincere love; in truthful speech and in the power of God; with weapons of righteousness in the right hand and in the left; through glory and dishonour, bad report and good report; genuine, yet regarded as impostors; known, yet regarded as unknown?... 'sorrowful, yet always rejoicing.'

You can sense the Queen's life and faith witness in every line. Hers was not a fairy-tale-cosseted faith - it was a faith within the real world, with all its hope and doubt, all its triumph and tragedy. Every Christmas for a lifetime, millions were uplifted by fresh expressions of this in the Queen's Christmas message.

We know that everything changes and ends. We know that things do not always go according to plan. We know

that life is not always fair. We know that pain is part of life. We know that people are not always loving and loyal.

Nevertheless, the Queen, in her prayerful attitude to her family and her political vocation, has shown us all how to rise above the strife and chaos, and has offered us a **clearer view of the way through the tangles and shadows of the world**. She showed us all how to evoke this same spirit in others, so that the heart of a nation, of a Commonwealth, is enriched and strengthened.

I exchanged greetings with Queen Elizabeth at a garden party for the Anglican bishops of the world at Buckingham



Palace. I was struck by her calm and her graceful aroha: many people have said that she made you feel royal, by being with her.

This calm comes from a deep place inside, from **a peace the world cannot give**. This is a calm that is so crucial at the heart of politics and society as a whole. It provides a safe, still place for the whirling world to centre itself in terms of statehood, and a deep pool from which to refresh its core values. Without this kind of role model, we are diminished at the centre of public life.

Elizabeth's peace came from a verse like 2 Timothy 1:7: "For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind."

From a frame of mind like this, the late Queen invited us to uphold the Treaty of Waitangi that her great-great-grandmother Queen Victoria had pledged with us; she was the focus for unity of a large and various Commonwealth of

Nations; and she was a fount of wisdom, continuity, and resilience in a turbulent world.

Queen Elizabeth became a witness to the greatest human values by bearing them symbolically and visibly in herself her whole life.

Thanks be to God.

Archbishop Emeritus Sir David Moxon has retired but is still regarded as a bright star in the international Anglican sky.

Born in New Zealand in 1951, he was consecrated Bishop of Waikato in 1993 and a Primate in 2008. Chosen to represent the Archbishop of Canterbury in Rome, he worked as Director there of the Anglican Centre.

Married with four adult children, he currently co-chairs the Walking Together Foundation advisory committee, which funds partnerships of Anglican and Catholic Bishops for aid, development, justice and peace.



The Queen's faith was clearly evident in her Christmas messages.

Credit: Rawpixel

A Clever Solution



Julie Walker, Social Concerns Convenor

Naku te rourou, nau e rourou, kea ora ai te iwi. (Maori Proverb)
With your basket and my basket, the people will thrive.

Angela Calver, the General Manager of KiwiHarvest Food Rescue Organisation, who spoke to our Auckland Diocese AAW group at a Social Concerns meeting, stressed their goal to improve wastage issues in the country. They have identified social and environmental problems around food wastage, and have a clever solution.

Their mission, which is **“to collect good food before it goes to waste and give it to those in need”** is the answer which achieves positive outcomes.

Since its start ten years ago, KiwiHarvest has saved 8,518,180 kilos of food from going into landfill, a carbon dioxide (CO₂) equivalent of

22,573,177 kilos has been prevented from entering the atmosphere and 24,337,657 meals have been delivered!

They are committed to meeting the needs of as many as possible, with five regional branches throughout New Zealand. It's not just the big cities that count. Angela underlined the importance of giving people 'a hand up,' with the ending of inter-generational food poverty a key aim, so recipes and training are included with the longer-term food supplies.

Partnerships with schools are happening, with breakfast and lunch being provided to students.

Since the start of Covid there has been a 200-500%

increase in demand for KiwiHarvest Food parcels.

Turnaround of food supply is fast with most food collected and redistributed on the same day. **Food is transported directly to where it is needed, such as foodbanks and Women's Refuge, with The Anglican Trust for Women and Children in Otahuhu, Auckland, being a regular recipient.**

The vision is to achieve a more sustainable and life-enhancing future for the people they serve.

As more local councils commit to food waste collections alongside rubbish collections, we can also make a difference as we take responsibility for lessening the amount of our household food waste.

As stewards of the world that God created in perfection, this is a responsibility that we should take seriously in our homes, the places we work, our churches and wherever we gather.



Members were asked to bring a non-perishable food item for us to present to KiwiHarvest.

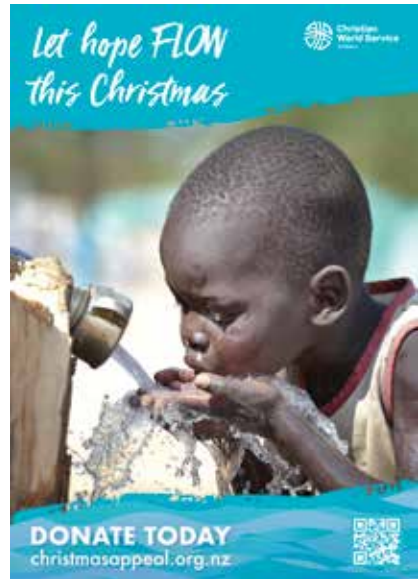
Jesus, born amid poverty and dirt, forced into exile as a refugee, living as a homeless person in an occupied country: open our eyes to see your image in all people; open our hearts to love and accept others, and open our hands to practical action in your name, so that all may live as members of your family.
Amen.

CWS Christmas appeal

Let Hope flow this Christmas
“...And the life was the light of all people” John 1:4b

Christmas is always a story of hope – the promise that life can change and love can be shared. Through Advent we look toward the light that illuminates our lives as we remember the birth of Jesus, the Son of Peace. In our world that God loves, we share what we can with people in need.

Like so many children, Caleb wants to grow and learn – most of all he wants to help his grandmother who took him in when he lost his parents to AIDS. However, like too many others in drought-devastated southern Uganda, he has to spend long periods of the day collecting water. The water is brown and carries disease – his sister has already died from a water-borne disease. With a new rainwater tank, the family will have safe water



Caleb with his grandmother.

to drink, wash and for their garden.

Families like Caleb's are already dealing with climate disaster. Their most urgent need is for clean water. After major flooding in Pakistan, many families need help because they have had too much bad water. At Christmas we can do something that we know will help.

Since 1945 the Christmas Appeal is one way to share our love and concern for all people. Christian World Service will make sure people get the help they want and need.

Please give generously to the 2022 Christmas Appeal so more people have clean water.

You can read stories from our five partners and find worship resources at:

<http://christmasappeal.org.nz>

Gillian Southey, CWS



Overseas & Outreach

Raewyn Dawson, Overseas & Outreach Convenor

Anglican Missions

From a sermon given by Olivia Hartfield, Project Officer of Anglican Missions.

How does Anglican Missions work through the 5 Marks of Mission – Tell, Teach, Tend, Transform and Treasure?

1. To Tell – proclaiming God’s Kingdom: We provide funding support to NZCMS which covers about 50% of their Mission Partner cost. This goes to supporting mission partners working in the field, many of whom are sharing the Good News in very difficult places.

2. To Teach - baptise and nurture new believers: Some of the support we receive goes towards supplementing clergy across Polynesia, like Bishop Henry Bull, because many of them need to grow their own vegetables or crops to support their family. By

supplementing Bishop Henry’s income, he can spend more time leading his congregation, ministering to their needs, and spreading the word.

3. To Tend - responding to human need through loving service: An example is our response to the volcanic eruption and tsunami in Tonga earlier this year. Some 90% of the Tongan population were directly affected. We sent five shipping containers of supplies from Fiji and Auckland with building and shelter materials, water, dried food and clearing tools. These supplies were distributed to households. We are now in the longer-term recovery phase and working more on trauma counselling.

4. To Transform - addressing the unjust structures of society - that lead to poverty and inequality: such as unequal access to resources;

sexism and discrimination. It is these structures that prevent people from living a flourishing life. One example of our work is our domestic and sexual violence workshops in Fiji.

5. To Treasure - caring for God's creation: All of our climate change-related work is about this. Disasters destroy crops, and communities depend on crops for their

own food and also to sell at the market. Anglican Missions has begun a programme in Fiji following Tropical Cyclone YASA in 2021 which aims to increase understanding of the types of crops that are particularly resilient to the impact of climate change. "Please continue to support us. Your prayers and your generosity are enabling us to do all these things."

Ed: Anglican Missions helps coordinate and suggest projects, as well as arranging for the international payments towards the projects that NZAAW chooses. (See Feb 2022 Circle, page 9.)

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 who are suffering from natural
disasters, illness or deliberate human action.
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

Of Special Mention...

Remembering three AAW members of note



Margaret Baillie

Whatever Margaret did for AAW she did well. She was a member

of Young Wives until AAW was formed. She attended AAW meetings at Holy Trinity, Greymouth regularly and then joined with the Cobden-Runanga AAW.

Margaret had been on Nelson Diocesan Executive for a number of years and Minute Secretary for three years. She was a great organizer and with the late Pat Cogger, would arrange the plays for the Audrey Landalls Rose Bowl, for the Greymouth area Diocesan AGM. It was always a great success.

She passed away peacefully on Saturday 27 August 2022

in Greymouth, and will be sadly missed by many for her loyalty and kindness

Lesta Smithson, Mawhera Deanery AAW



Jan Deavoll:

Family and the AAW were both significant in Jan's life. Jan joined the AAW

Young Wives' group in Blenheim in the 1960s and five years later after a move to Christchurch Jan joined the St Chad's Church, Linwood, AAW Young Wives' group, and later became the Leader.

In 1997 – 2000 Jan was the Diocese of Christchurch AAW President.

From 2001 – 2004 Jan was the New Zealand AAW President. As the NZAAW President Jan,

accompanied by Tony, visited all New Zealand dioceses, as well as a trip to Suva, Fiji in the Diocese of Polynesia. She was an AAW delegate to the National Council of Women, Christchurch Branch, and Church Women United, local branch. Jan Deavoll died on Monday 8 August 2022, in Christchurch - a gracious lady who inspired us all.

Judith Mackenzie

Margaret Tegg

Margaret was very involved in the church in the Waikato Diocese and spent a three-year term as Diocesan AAW

President, and later (when in Dunedin) as NZAAW President. With her husband Brian, Margaret lived in Pio Pio, just south of Te Kuiti. Brian was Principal for many years of Pio Pio College, before they shifted to Dunedin to be closer to Margaret's mother. She was a very special lady and well loved by all. Margaret was a loyal and experienced AAW member of the Dunedin Diocese.



Norma Benton

May these women rest in peace and rise in glory.

Catalyst Corner

The Charter for Compassion

Ten years ago, AAW members became committed to supporting this great international movement for an all-faiths Statement of Positives which we share.

Update: I have just been involved with a couple of Zooms with other NZ people who have signed the Charter for Compassion. I still love the wording of it and it was encouraging to hear about projects around the country, for instance some housing moves happening in Nelson. One of the things that has been initiated recently is a Map of Co-Creators for those who are involved in various ways in making the world a better place and are not set on their own way being the only way.

Do visit:

<https://charterforcompassion.org/>

Philippa Harrison

Charter for Compassion is a document that urges the peoples and religions of the world to embrace the core value of compassion. The charter currently is available in more than 30 languages and has been endorsed by more than two million individuals around the globe. (From Wikipedia, Ed)

Auckland

Diocesan President: Margaret Rocard



St James Mangere Bridge AAW:

At our September meeting we greeted

‘Paddington Bear’ to honour the popular video ‘Taking tea with the Queen’. This was in remembrance that we had recently witnessed the funeral of our Queen Elizabeth II. Hymns from the Funeral Service were included in our Service.

Sue Zimmerman, Board Member of Anglican Trust for Women and Children (ATWC),

joined our Service and meeting. She brought along the newly released book, *Threads of Caring*,



covering the story of over 160 years of ATWC. There was a discussion on the memories everyone had of St Mary’s home in Otahuhu. The brave history of the beginnings and of the many benefactors of the charity were shared. History keeps repeating itself, for the care and support for women and children are as necessary now as in the 1850s.

*To purchase a copy of the book visit: www.atwc.org.nz
Also, the book can be borrowed from the Auckland library.*

A number of Prayer Shawls and knitted and crocheted items were collected for



Sue to take to ATWC. These items are always so gratefully received by them.

Barbara Dixon



in August from ‘Robyn the Harper’ based on the celebrations of Matariki. We were so delighted to hear her music and singing. We were asked to light up a tea light candle at the end of each song, representing the star constellation.



We also had a big drive to answer the call for help from ATWC and once again were able to deliver a car full of warm pyjamas and blankets knitted with love and dedication from our St Peter’s craft group.

Chris Barker

St Peter’s AAW

We have managed to hold only four meetings so far this year, because of Covid restrictions. We were treated to an enchanting performance

Christchurch

Diocesan President: Raewyn Dawson

The North Canterbury Fellowship Day and Eucharist

This was held in August at St John the Baptist Church in Rangiora. The Rev'd Peter Akester presided at the Service. The reading was Matthew Chapter 6: 24 – 34: You cannot serve God and wealth. His reflection was based on this bible reading.

Peter showed us some of his stoles and explained the significance of the embroidery on them. He

also told us a little of his life as a pharmacist and priest in Kondoa, Tanzania and of the time that he, and his late wife, Christine, spent as mission partners there.

Then the large group enjoyed listening to Stuart Batty as he told us of his association with Rotary NZ and the projects that they have sponsored in Tanzania.



One of these was a fruit and vegetable market which spread to several markets in the area. Stuart also told of other projects in the Pacific that Rotary NZ has been involved in. This was inspiring and gave us a better idea of life in Tanzania. The Service's collection will be sent to Bishop Given of the Diocese of Kondoa and to Rotary NZ.

Anne Jelfs

AAW at Christchurch Synod

– as two AAW delegates can vote and speak at Synod, our Chaplain, the Rev'd Justine Tremewan and I took part in many renewings of friendships and robust discussions of motions. The whole event was stimulating and supportive.



Ashburton Visit – I enjoyed sharing an evening with the Ashburton evening group, five of whom received their 50 years' badges.

Diocesan Eucharist at the Transitional Cathedral

Two Covid years without this worship together have given a break in the tradition, so the good congregation and evident appreciation was very pleasing.

Past Bishop of Christchurch, the Right Rev'd David Coles, preached on 'The woman at the Well' and this was presented as a drama by three readers.

The Rev'd Jo Latham sang a beautiful Reflection on Psalm 23. The Chaplain, the Rev'd Justine Tremewan, was the worship leader, and created the colourful Order of Service. A wonderful event to share.

Raewyn Dawson



Dunedin

Diocesan President: Dot Muir

AAW All Saints Invercargill:

Our meeting was a luncheon in the Southern Institute of Technology (SIT) Performing Arts' cafeteria. This building was previously St John's Anglican Church, deconsecrated several years ago. The building was bought by SIT. Strengthening work has been done to preserve the original building, configured to provide rooms for music and the arts. The stained-glass windows have been preserved as has the organ.

A new extension houses the cafeteria and other rooms.

Our vicar and 13 members enjoyed a delicious lunch.

Christine Aitken



L-R: Barbara MacDonald, Barbara Wooton, Elizabeth Lucy (President), Hap Naylor, Doreen Metzger, the Rev'd Richard Aitken, Lee Anderson, Debra Murphy, Leila Stokes, Carol Edginton, Christine Aitken, Liz Cruickshank, and Elizabeth Fraser.



The main window over the high altar was made in England in the 19th century. It is huge and had an insured value exceeding \$1M.



The font was re-sited in 2013 to a new position in the Narthex.



The pulpit was carved by a local man and gifted to the church.

Nelson

Diocesan President: Kathy Cuthbert

All Saints' Women Together:

In July, we dressed up with hats, gloves and pearls for an afternoon High Tea with delicious food, fit for a queen, served on our best bone china.

It was an entertaining meeting with chats about royal incidents and meetings.

The CEO of Habitat for Humanity spoke to us at the August afternoon meeting, telling us about the work here, **building new houses, choosing those who would be able to buy them, and the work done at the Hub through the Op Shop, café, and spaces used by other organisations.**

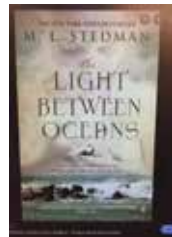
At our September evening meeting, Watiri Maina, the Bishop's wife and Vicar of the Victory Church, shared highlights of the Lambeth Conference and the Silent Retreat they both attended

after. We followed that with Double Dutch Drama - group skits based on children's story books with minimal time and preparation, which resulted in lots of laughter.

Jill van der Schaaf

Nativity Group Blenheim:

At a recent meeting we had a talk about the book *The Light Between Oceans*, by M L Stedman. Set off the coast of Western Australia on remote Janus Rock in the early 1920s, this is a story of right and wrong, joy and sadness, and how sometimes they look the same. The reader will have an empathy with the characters in the story. A film of the book was made at Cape Campbell in Marlborough a few years ago.



Heather Wadsworth

The Waimea Women's Group: Celebrating 60 years

We started as a Young Wives' Group in 1962, meeting at night so the children could be left at home. Some of the early programmes brought a smile as we remembered learning how to cook the cheapest cuts of meat, how to live within our husband's income and teaching children to pray. Progressive dinners were a feature until petrol got too dear.

As we got older we turned into a Fellowship Group and finally met in the morning as some of our members don't drive at night. **We have speakers on recognising dementia and tips from the Hearing Association.** Two of the original members are still active members. We enjoy our meetings and are still involved with our parish.

We celebrated in style with a 60th birthday luncheon.

Diane Higgins



From left: Kay Werner, Christine Thomas, Diane Higgins, Barbara Marshall, Pat King, Christine Boal, Gladys Hollick, Yvonne White, Rosemary Heather Bell, Jean Gorman, Lorna Ross, Dawn Batchelor, Joy Byrne.

Polynesia

News from Samoa

Lotu a Tamaiti, also known as White Monday, is a public holiday in Samoa on the Monday after the second Sunday in October – and was celebrated this year on 10 October.

History of Lotu a Tamaiti Holiday

The Samoan islands in the South Pacific Ocean are split into two countries, Samoa and American Samoa. In terms of distance, they are not so far apart, but in time they are 24 hours different as the international date line slices its way between the two.

The two nations also share many traditions and customs. White Sunday is a good example of this. White Sunday was brought to the islands by Christian missionaries in the

19th century and has become a special day on the second Sunday of October, when children are treated, from getting new outfits to being allowed their favourite foods. A tradition in Samoa is that some holidays that always fall on a Sunday are observed as holidays on the following Monday. This is the case for Mothers' Day, Fathers' Day and White Sunday. In the Samoan language, Lotu Tamaiti literally means 'Children's Service'. White Sunday is a public holiday in American Samoa, and in a quirk caused by the international date line, Lotu a Tamaiti in Samoa happens at the time as White Sunday in American Samoa!

Extract from The Samoa Observer on 11 October 2022.

Waiapu

Diocesan President: Cynthia Prince

St Luke's Havelock North Evening Fellowship:

In June we had a speaker from the Hawke's Bay Knowledge Bank, that records historical events locally. The speaker extended an invitation for members to visit in July.

However, due to Covid 19 only a few were able to attend.

Seeing the equipment used to record books, publications and photos for information was a highlight.

Hearing about the restoration of the historic homestead was enlightening.

Our annual dinner was also in July. Covid 19 again impacted this, but it was enjoyed by those who attended.

Our September meeting gave members the opportunity to share a three-minute talk on someone interesting in their life. Parents and grandparents were a popular choice. Special memories and laughter were shared.

In September I was invited as a guest to the Cathedral AAW group for their Agape Dinner. This evening Service included readings and candle lighting followed by a meal and fellowship.

Cynthia Prince

Waiapu AAW

The group has continued its trial of evening meetings in summer and afternoon meetings in winter and will discuss the matter further at the AGM on how to action next year.

As customary, at the end of winter we held an Agape, (feast of love), meal in September. An agape meal involves a focus on friendship and fellowship within a specialised liturgical framework or Service. Emphasis is often on simpler rather than complicated or

expensive meals but it can be made to fit the occasion.

Ours was held at 6pm and involved soup and bread rolls followed by tea or coffee and sweet treats, which would work well as a meeting theme at any time of the day. Members were asked to pay a small charge for the food prepared by the leader and committee of five.

During the meeting, our Leader, Wendy Probert,

acknowledged the death of Her Majesty the late Queen Elizabeth, a prayer was said, a minute's silence took place and members sang 'God Save the King', the first time for many of us.

The idea of an Agape meal could possibly work well for a Christmas function too and would be easy to include guests. We recommend trying one!

Susan John



Waikato & Taranaki

Norma Benton, Waikato & Taranaki Diocesan Representative

From report to NZAAW

The groups are working well, although numbers are currently not increasing. However, there is still great fellowship and purpose with being an AAW member, and that makes it all worthwhile.

Some groups have missed meetings because of Covid, but on returning the group often meets up for a social event or lunch.

Overseas and Outreach, and Social Concerns, are a major part of AAW, and it is good to have input from Raewyn Dawson and Julie Walker.

I have encouraged members to join in with Raewyn Dawson's T42 on the AAW Facebook Group page that she posts on a Monday morning. Lovely to see members from way back adding comments – and to have that connection again.

We like to think that Margaret Tegg was one of 'our' members, as they lived in Pio Pio (south of Te Kuiti) for many years, and Margaret served a term as a Diocesan President, and then went on to be a NZ President of AAW. A beautiful lady and well loved by all.

Similarly, we lost another NZ President, Jan Deavoll. Another special lady, with whom many lovely friendships developed through AAW.

I am pleased that I am able to forward AAW information to many who are interested.



Wellington

Diocesan President: Mary Driver

State Memorial service for the late Queen Elizabeth, 26 September 2022

On a fine sunny, Wellington afternoon I was privileged to attend the above Service in the Wellington Cathedral of St Paul followed by a reception in Parliament Buildings.

The Memorial Service in her honour was very dignified and beautiful; the most moving part I felt was the choral rendition in **Māori** of 'Our Father', which echoed through the hushed Cathedral.

Many years ago I was employed by the Department of Internal Affairs both before and during five Royal Visits to New Zealand of Her Majesty the Queen, the Duke of Edinburgh and other members of the Royal Family. At the end of her visit in 1974 the Queen made me a member of the Royal Victorian Order, which

is her gift to those men and women who have given her special service. My invitation to the Service was as a Member of the Order (MVO).



Christine Gibbons with her award.

I feel very fortunate to have had connections with the British Royal Family through my working life. I value especially Queen Elizabeth's devotion and faithfulness which shone throughout her 70-year reign.

**Christine Gibbons MVO,
St. John's AAW Group**

AAW Wellington Diocese Mission Day

Our two speakers disturbed us intentionally.

The Rev'd Lance Lukin, Wellington Missioner to Seafarers, told us of the hardship that the seafarers endure. They work for months, sometimes years at sea, earning very little, and sometimes don't get paid at all! 90% of them are from the Philippines. The Mission and other Volunteer groups try their best to retrieve the wages. When the pilot goes out to the ship he takes a Wi-Fi connection so the seafarers can contact home. The turnaround in the ports is just a few hours so the missioners shop for them. The Mission offers advocacy.

Every seafarer is given a warm knitted cap (beanie) at ports in New Zealand. It is a practical extension of the Gospel welcome. Lance took several bags of beanies we created home with him. Pray for the Mission, and their advocacy and keep knitting!



Kris Singh from Anglican Missions (AM) shared the five marks of Mission: Tell, Teach, Tend, Transform and Treasure. AM's funds are distributed as follows: 78% of funds raised go to projects, 6% Mission Engagement, 16% organisational costs, and 1% Accountability. We were all encouraged to read AM's 'Partners in Prayer' booklet.

The response to Tonga's disaster is ongoing. Five containers of non-perishable goods have been sent. The containers have been offloaded at Nuku'alofa. The end goal is self-sufficiency. Trauma counselling is also being offered.

The AAW help with the water tanks has been appreciated.

AAW is pleased that local people are being taught how to maintain the tanks. The tank at St Christopher's in Fiji is used by the whole community.

AAW's new project, as an example of Faith in Action, is to raise funds to provide money to convert a classroom at Bishop Kempthorne Memorial School, Fiji into a canteen. This is a one-year-project only.

On a lovely sunny day in Waikanae, 40 women were stimulated by these talks as well as enjoying fellowship and lunch together.

Heather Dawson

St Paul's Waiwhetu Women's Fellowship: Foodbank Collection with a Difference

Recently we collected items for our local foodbank. **We were given a Bible verse at our previous meeting and we were asked to locate the verse in context and bring**

a food item that the verse suggested.

We were also asked to tell how we arrived at this particular item. One of the verses I had was:

“Like one who takes away a garment on a cold day, or like vinegar poured on soda, is one who sings songs to a heavy heart.” Proverbs 25:20 (NIV)
I took baking soda and vinegar.

(Useful for both baking and cleaning.)

Mary Estcourt



Foodbank collection inspired by Bible verses.

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