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## INTRODUCTION

*Hello and a Happy New Year to you all from the editor. Thank*



*you to all who got their contributions in on time. I am somewhat “technically challenged” so am grateful for the extra days to get the editing done.*

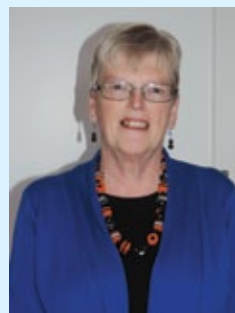
*A retired teacher, I am a member of St John's Roslyn parish and secretary to one of our AAW groups. Andrew and I have been married for 55 years and have three children and ten grandchildren. I enjoy gardening and handcrafts, especially knitting. I have recently discovered Free Form Knitting which has my creative juices flowing.*

*Marjorie Brown*

# From our President

Dear all,

Well here we are at the beginning of another AAW year. I do hope you have all had a restful but joyous Christmas and a peaceful holiday season and are ready to work and promote AAW in your area for 2015.



Best wishes to all those who are taking on new leadership roles this year. AAW Sunday is the first Sunday of February but you may celebrate that day anytime that suits during the year with the commissioning of all leaders and committees.

Your Executive meet on 28th February at a Conference room at Wellington airport. We are trialling this way of meeting to help with the finances so we will all have to be very precise with our reports etc. If there is anything you feel needs discussion please speak to your President or let me know.

Mid March sees me head off to Wellington, Waiapu and Waikato to speak at meetings. I really look forward to meeting as many of you as possible and to see how each Diocesan meeting runs.

Conference, 2-5th October - plans are still on track and we are hoping to have Registration forms ready for the February meeting

All the very best for Lent and the Easter Season.

Margaret

# The Right Reverend Andrew Hedge Bishop of Waiapu

DECEMBER 2014

Greetings and peace to you all. I am writing this as I sit in Kerikeri, Northland, on Christmas Eve. I have travelled here with my family to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the day when the Rev Samuel Marsden, CMS missionary, and Ruatara, Maori chief, hosted the first Christian service at Oihi Bay, Christmas Day 1814.

We are looking forward to celebrating Christmas at Oihi in the company of many other visitors but also having some time to enjoy the history of this region. It's good to have some time together as a family and it has caused me to think about the Kendall, Hall and King families who came with Marsden on the ship the Active in 1814 and what their life would have been like in this place 200 years ago. Another family that I'm mindful of on this trip is that of William Williams, the first Bishop of Waiapu, who spent

time in the north before traveling to Waiapu.

In many ways the life that our family lives in ministry is very different to any of these from 200 years ago. Yet the love of God and desire to share the Gospel that brought these families to this foreign land is in essence the same that leads us into new parts of life as we follow God's call.

As I've come to know AAW communities I've been encouraged by their desire to care for families as a ministry of the church. At this time of the year as we celebrate the Holy Family travelling to Bethlehem and beyond it seems so relevant that we all should celebrate ministry that is offered to families as part of our life as a church and give thanks for the families who have devoted their lives to the ministry of the church in years gone by.

# Cover Photo

## *Christ Church, Pukehou*

### *~ A Brief History*

The original part of the Church was constructed in 1859 by Samuel Williams at his own expense. It was constructed of native timber milled in the area, mainly Totara. The roof was made of Totara shingles which lasted 100 years. In 1881 the chancel was added and in 1893 the transepts were added, the chancel extended and the vestry moved to its present position. These additions to the Church were of Rimu construction.

The oak trees were grown from acorns brought out from England at the time the Church was built. Timber from one of the trees was used to make the doors of the Napier Cathedral.

Te Aute College used the Church before the College Chapel was built in 1901. However, the Church was used by the College for many years after that as indicated by the carving of names and dates on the pews! The Church was part of the Waipawa Parish until 1912 when the Otane parish was formed. In 1983 the Otane Parish was divided between Havelock North and Waipawa so Christ Church once again became part of the Waipawa Parish. At this point the Church was closed for regular worship, handed back to the diocese and a local committee was formed to care for it.

Since 1983 the committee has maintained the Church and promoted its use for occasional services, weddings and

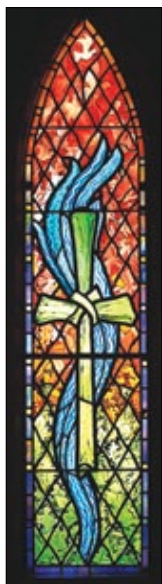
concerts.

By 2000 it became clear that the shingle roof needed replacing and this led to the complete restoration carried out in 2001/2002 at a total cost of \$207,000.

The East window by John Bonner and St Michael by Karl Parsons are particularly fine examples of the Arts and Crafts style. It is very likely that both were made in the Glass House at Fulham, London which was established by Christopher Whall, one of the founders of the Arts and Crafts movement. He taught both John Bonner and Karl Parsons. The window in the North transept was made by Powel and Sons of Whitefriars, London. The three west windows were renewed in 2001 as part of the restoration.



## 150th Anniversary Window



The people of Pukehou commissioned this window to mark the 150th anniversary of this Church, built by Arch-deacon Samuel Williams in 1859. The window is designed and crafted by Graham Stewart and Son of Rangiora and reflects elements of Andrew Gordon's carving at Waerenga-a-hika where the Diocese of Waiapu began under its first Bishop, William Williams, also in 1859.

The flax cross evokes Palm Sunday and the

promise of new life, also represented by the river behind, in a Diocese that takes its name from a river. Oak leaves speak of the Pakeha settlers, the Aute leaves of Maori and links with Polynesia. The leaves change with the seasons, transforming into the doves that represent the Holy Spirit.

Dedicated to the glory of God by the Most Reverend, Archbishop William Brown Turei, Bishop of Aotearoa and Co Presiding Bishop of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia on 8th February, 2009.



*As you prepare for Easter be different. Instead of giving up 'something' for Lent (after all if we are truly honest with ourselves we give up things like chocolate) do something positive.*

- Set aside some time to read your Bible.
- Pray for your family, friends, those in need.
- Visit a person living alone.
- Become a visitor to a Rest Home.
- Do some of the things that you have been promising to do .
- Call someone you haven't seen lately.
- Go for a walk with a family member or a friend.

# Mothers' Union

This year the Wave of Prayer has been adjusted to include over 100 new links which gives us an opportunity to pray for many more people. The theme United in Prayer builds on that of 2014 Sowing the Future

mar, and Auckland with South Sudan, Uganda, Rwanda, Nigeria and Vanuatu. MU Diocesan Presidents will have details of the particular dioceses and the dates for their Wave of Prayer days, although we are asked to use the calendar to pray

*... a statement  
affirming three clear  
and consistent strands  
to our work common  
to Mothers' Union  
throughout the world.*

for MU members each day. The theme fits in very well with the first Aim of AAW "to unite in prayer and participate in the mission of the church" and highlights the importance of prayer as the basis of all we do.

Together. Christchurch is linked with dioceses in South Sudan, Rwanda and Nigeria, Te Pihopanga O Aotearoa is linked with Congo, Kenya, Nigeria, Ireland and India, Waikato and Taranki with South Sudan, Kenya and Nigeria, Polynesia with Burundi, Kenya and Nigeria, Wellington with South Africa, Uganda, Nigeria and Myan-

The Provincial Presidents meeting was held in November and Iritana Hankins enjoyed meeting with other MU leaders, sharing experiences, taking part in discussions, and planning for the future with the theme "A Goal to Celebrate". They produced a statement affirming three clear and consistent strands to our work common to



Mothers' Union throughout the world.

- the centrality of prayer
- to enable individuals, families and communities to discover and use the gifts, skills and knowledge they possess
- to challenge mechanisms and behaviours that perpetuate social injustices

Wellington members are already fundraising towards a new project – Away from it all Holidays. These short breaks are very popular in the overseas dioceses which host them and give families in need a chance to re-charge their batteries, share time with their children and enjoy the services of MU babysitters for a bit of 'time out'. 6 new members were admitted in the Epiphany branch in Masterton and the vicar commented that having several congregations in the parish Mothers' Union was the glue between them.

Last year a Waikato MU member

knitted over 800 pairs of children's slippers and sent them to Christ-church for distribution. They have been very gratefully received. St Mary's, New Plymouth MU received an invitation to the Teen Mums' Graduation and 3 members went along to see the girls receive their certificates. All had passed NCEA Level 1 and several passed NCEA Level 2 plus Diplomas in Business Administration and Computing. They were also pleasantly surprised to see a photo of two of them handing over knitted blankets and baby clothes to the teachers in the midst of the power point presentation showing the year's activities at the School.

Planning is well under way for the visit of the Worldwide President, Lynne Tembey in May. Lynne has said she is looking forward to meeting as many people as possible, and wants to be surprised by all we have to offer!

*Rosemary Bent*

# Overseas and Outreach

## **PNG:**

I have had a letter from Sister Beverley thanking us for the messages sent from your executive on the occasion of their 50th jubilee. They invited Bishop Peter Ramsden and Fr Richmond who joined in their services Bishop Peter preached an inspiring message.

Joeline tells us of how hard life is where she is:” The government claims the number of refugees in the country is about 1.5 million, which is putting a huge strain on the locals, as rent rises, food prices rise, and jobs are scarce. Many refugees undercut the locals for jobs by accepting lower pay. And the locals are angry that they too are poor but unlike the refugees they are getting no help.

Please pray for this situation.

**Cambodia:** *From Anne and Anthony McCormack (Nov 2014 Newsletter)*

We had meetings with the administrators of the World Mate Emergency Hospital prior to starting work there on 6th October. We feel buoyant and excited as this new chapter in our time in Cambodia starts and are both looking forward to the challenges of starting new

programmes there – Anne as Activity Co-ordinator and Anthony as Social Work Technical Adviser.

We are both feeling our way in our new roles, working out how the hospital works, who’s who and who is responsible for what! For us both, our first few weeks on the ground at the hospital tell us that our roles will be emotionally demanding and challenging.

## **Kailakuri Health Care Project:**

We have started mother-child care services in a new village area: Subokachona, since early 2014.

The Kailakuri village workers in this area are Moriom and Kadiza, each responsible for a different area of the village. Moriom does monthly checks for 29 children and 10 pregnant mothers.

(Moriom is responsible for 4 village areas and supervises 107 children and 20 pregnant mothers).

Each week a supervisor goes with the village workers for one or two areas.

## **Tanzania**

I have recently spent some time with Marion McChesney and her friend Jo Rogers. I had previously

had a letter from Marion with the two books she had written. In her letter she thanks us for being the catalyst for her to be able to sponsor Agnes, Grace, Doroth and Belita who all feature in the book “Msalato Mamas”. These women were Pastor’s wives Class of 2012-2013 at Msalato Theological College in Dodoma.

The second book is called “The Priest Nobody Wanted”. We have learned of this young man through Marion’s letters to us. The books cost \$10 each.

Marion mentioned that she is willing to go and speak to groups especially those in Christchurch and Nelson Diocese.

## **Egypt**

*An extract from Rosie’s last letter (September-October 2014)*

*Dear friends,*

After almost five years since leaving my ‘old life’ in New Zealand, I have tickets booked to leave Egypt on the 10th of December. Living and working in Egypt has changed me, and these years have been a rich, growing, fruitful, some-times difficult, often joyful, time of my life.

When I arrived in 2010, I had no idea I would live in such a significant time of Egypt’s history, and it’s been a privilege to journey with Egyptian friends and colleagues through this time. I’ve learnt a lot through my work at the Diocese, and enjoyed working with people in our ministries and with partners around the world. I’ve loved working under Bishop Mouneer, playing a small part in empowering new projects and growing the church in this region of the world.

This is a hard decision for me, as I am so at home in this culture, language, in my role, with friends and community here, and pulling up these roots is hard. However, I feel at peace about this decision to take a break, and take a leap out into the unknown. God has been constantly reminding me this year about trusting in Him, “that life with God is at its core about giving up to some-thing bigger and more powerful, saying the God knows better than we know, and His Spirit will lead us in ways we couldn’t have predicted.” I would value your Prayers.

*Mary Estcourt,  
NZAAW  
Overseas and Outreach  
Convenor*

# Dunedin Diocese

## *Aprons with Attitude*

During 2014 as I have visited AAW groups in Dunedin Diocese I have encouraged members to bring an apron and to be prepared to tell the story behind that apron. This has enabled some amazing stories to be shared.

I used the text from Titus 2: 'Guide older women into lives of reverence so they end up as neither gossips nor drunks, but models of goodness.....We don't want anyone looking down on God's Message because of their behaviour.' The Message

I also used an APRON Acrostic which I gave out to women to read to the group -

### **"A" is for ATTITUDE**

--1 Peter 3:8

Summing up: Be agreeable, be sympathetic, be loving, be compassionate, be humble. That goes for all of you, no exceptions. No retaliation. No sharp-tongued sarcasm. Instead, bless — that's your job, to bless. You'll be a blessing and also get a blessing.

### **"P" is for PATIENCE**

--Romans 8:24-25

For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

### **"R" is for RESPONSIBILITY**

--Galatians 6:4-5

Make a careful exploration of who you are and the work you have been given, and then sink yourself into that. Don't be impressed with yourself. Don't compare yourself with others. Each of you must take responsibility for doing the creative best you can with your own life.

### **"O" is for OPPORTUNITIES**

--Ephesians 3:7 God has given me the wonderful privilege of telling everyone about this plan of his; and he has given me his power and special ability to do it well.

**"N" is for NEEDS** --Proverbs 30:8 First, help me never to tell



*Holy Trinity, Gore. Aprons with Attitude*



*Oamaru Aprons with Attitude*

a lie. Second, give me neither poverty nor riches! Give me just enough to satisfy my needs!

We discussed the use of aprons to wipe things [the analogy of having a clean life], pockets for holding things [things we hold on to or hold dear], aprons as protection and preparation for work [are we prepared to share God's word and God's love with others?]

We also touched on 'What's tied to your apron strings?' - What's holding us back from doing what God wants us to do and from living the Christian life? Are there worries, doubts, etc. that keep us from moving about and getting our work done?

And finally we reminded each other about the importance of our

mother's or grandmother's apron strings: the importance of instilling things to "hold on to" for our children and grandchildren

-Teaching them godly character traits.

-Teaching them memory verses.

-Teaching them godly principles.

-Teaching them Bible stories to remember.

-Letting them know we prayed for them.

*Anne Gover,  
Dunedin Diocese AAW President*

## ***Southland AAW Area Day, 2014***

On Saturday 15 November Holy Trinity AAW, North Invercargill hosted the annual Area Advent Dinner which four of the five local groups attended.

We were joined by Provincial AAW President Margaret McLanachan, Diocesan President Anne Gover, Archdeacon Keith Gover, and guest speaker, Bishop Kelvin Wright. We began the day with morning tea, followed by a service with the theme, "Sharing The Gospel". This coincided with 200 years of the Gospel in New Zealand.

We then sat down to a delicious dinner during which Margaret and Anne shared what is happening at National and Diocesan levels. After the meal Bishop Kelvin shared stories of his and Clemency's life journeys.



# Christchurch Diocese

Seasonal Greetings to all our sisters in Aotearoa New Zealand and the Pacific. As ever at this time of year we are simultaneously looking back and forward; reflecting on our joys and struggles of the past year, and planning in prayer for more effective service in the future.

We include with this issue of 'Circle' some photos of our October 2014 Transitional Cathedral AAW Diocesan Eucharist – a lovely occasion, with many hundreds of people supporting its special quality. The procession of Group and Diocesan AAW banners was a colourful declaration of our creative energies, and we all appreciated the help of some senior St Margaret's College students in lifting the heavy banners high. The music was in some parts more rhythmical and unorthodox, following the pattern used at our Diocesan Synod, and contrasting with traditional hymns and the Community of the Sacred Name's sing-

ing group's devotional style.

In response to many requests, in 2015 the AAW Diocesan Eucharist at the Cathedral will be held at 11.00am on Saturday September 19th. As this is NZ Suffrage Day, it is apt that we celebrate the witness of women. Bishop Victoria plans to attend.

Another special occasion will be in May, when the International President of the Mothers' Union is to visit our country, spending a short time in Christchurch. Our members have been invited to join together with the local MU group in sharing a Communion Service at St Mary's, Addington. We look forward to praising God together and honouring our shared history.

Blessings to all fellow members of the Association of Anglican Women – we wish you a year of safe driving, effective technology, great relationships, good health and increasingly productive service in the mission given us by our Lord Jesus Christ.



# Nelson Diocese

St Thomas' Motueka Group watched a DVD on the work of Paul and Margaret Brand who work in India among the Lepers. A member spoke about the history of Leprosy in India.

Amazing hats were the order of the day at a Mad Hatter's Tea Party at their final meeting for the year. Afternoon tea was followed by the singing of Christmas Carols. (photo)

Holy Trinity, Richmond's Evening Group held an afternoon tea party for the Afternoon Group. Out came the embroidered supper cloths, fine china, polished silver and flowers to complement the elegant food. An entertaining poem on Recycling was read and then the Evening group presented their skit which won the Audrey Landels' Rosebowl.

The guest speaker at the Marlborough Regional meeting was the Very Rev Charles Tyrell, Bishop's Advisor for the Care of Older People, who spoke about "Positive Aging". He stressed that it was helpful to read, socialise and do meaningful things. He



said that the Queen and Duke of Edinburgh were a good example to everyone. He spoke of his sabbatical in England where a highlight was staying at Windsor Castle where his daughter and son-in-law live.

At the Mawhera Regional meeting the guest speaker was the Seminarian from St Patrick's Catholic Church, Thanh Tran who has been in New Zealand for six years. He is from Vietnam and spoke of his family life growing up in a large family in the farming/rice-growing area of Vietnam. He became a Christian and this led to him coming to New Zealand to study. When he arrived he could not speak English but we were impressed by his clearly spoken language. He showed some interesting pictures of



village life in Vietnam. He has two further years of training and has been accepted for ordination as a priest in the Christchurch Diocese.

Holy Trinity Greymouth had a talk from Revd David Hastings on the Universe. Readings from the

Bible alongside an overhead presentation illustrated and emphasised the vastness of God's creation and of our galaxy and saw how small earth is in comparison.

*Diane Higgins  
Nelson Diocese*

# Wellington Diocese



## ***Working it out?***

In Circle, November 2014 there was an article headed Transitions and written by Jane and Jenny. Who are Jane and Jenny I have been asked? Jane and Jenny happen to live side by side in Wellington, Jane Wilkinson in the Deanery, along with her husband Digby, Dean of the Cathedral of St Paul, and Jenny Duckworth in Bishop's Court, along

with her husband Justin, the Bishop of Wellington. Jane and Jenny are pictured below. Jane on the left and Jenny on the right. Jenny is AAW Patron in the Wellington Diocese and Jane has many roles, one being that of a spiritual director. They are both so much more than this and we hope to learn more of them and from them in future editions of Circle.

*A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.*

Under the preparation and guidance of Sue Tims, the AAW of Waikanae, Kapiti Coast, were able to tell the story and assemble a Jesse tree. The Jesse tree represents Jesus' family tree. The name is taken from Isaiah 11:1, in which Jesus

is referred to as a shoot coming up from the stump of Jesse, the father of David. The ornaments on the tree, some of which can be seen in the photo, tell of Jesus' ancestors, and the events leading to Jesus' birth.

**Nothing like a nice card!**

These days, with snail mail being on the decline, it can be a pleasurable and surprising thing to receive a hard copy of a card. With this in mind, AAW in the Wellington Diocese produced a series of six cards of different churches throughout the diocese. They are sold in packs of 6 or individually. The award of top client for the number bought, goes to the men's group in the parish of Waikanae.



Our Diocesan President, Pat Vincent concluded her recent newsletter with:

*Romans 15:13 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.*

**Apology and correction**

Circle, November 2014 recorded that the photos for the back and front covers were taken by Gwen McCullough. They were indeed photographed by GLEN McCullough. Thank you Glen.

# Diocese of Waikato and Taranaki



*1897 Victorian Gown*



## 150 Years of Cambridge Weddings

*by Carol Chetwynd.*

As the title suggests the Cambridge AAW made this year's Flower Festival a little different. Members wedding gowns, many of which have languished in lofts, were unpacked and refurbished. They provided a stunning display in St. Andrew's Church alongside flowers arranged by gifted members of the congregation. Our star attraction, an 1897 Victorian gown lovingly restored by a local tailoress, took pride of place next to the altar.

Our members baked wedding cakes, slices of which we sold with cups of tea or coffee. Visiting organists played wedding music, and the Cambridge Brownies produced bride dolls.

This event fulfilled admirably our Outreach remit as six hundred plus people came through the church during the four days of the festival. It also provided a window into the past for many as the Waipa District celebrated 150 years since its inception.



## **Golden Oldies Mission Tour 2014**

*by Norma Benton.*

Bula! -the greeting we all received and returned on our trip during August to Fiji. The weather was wonderful, hospitality throughout the whole ten days extremely warm; organisation tops!

Our group of twenty-four from Christchurch, Auckland and New Plymouth, visited settlements, villages, a medical centre, St. Christopher's Home, a prison, a senior citizen's home, a school, a Cathedral, The Happy Home and The House of Sarah to see if we, in some small way, could help.

The Association of Anglican Women features a lot, as most women in the villages are AAW members. AAW funds for the green water tanks were obvious and appreciated, as was The House of Sarah, another AAW initiative.

This was a most amazing trip, with a wonderful family feel and really worth repeating next August. I am hoping to go again – and would love to have some of you join us.

## **From St. Peter's Katikati**

*By Audrey Hammond.*

September is birthday month for St. Peter's Katikati AAW and to celebrate, twenty members visited Burwood Gardens in the Kaimais. We were welcomed by Maureen and Alan Cook and served a delicious lunch while looking at the panoramic land and harbour views. Afterwards we strolled around beautifully kept gardens and admired the native timber jewellery made by Alan.

It was a happy memorable occasion.

*Photos Right top:*

*Left to right, Audrey Hammond, Betty Jones, Maureen Evason and Betty Smith*

*Bottom:*

*Betty Bennett, Colleen Watson and Betty Chambers enjoy lunch with a view*



# Waiapu Diocese

## *AAW Waiapu's part in Bishop Andrew's Ordination and Installation*

What a great day this was. 750 people from around the Diocese and from Cambridge. Bishop's from everywhere – representatives from St John all proudly wearing their uniforms and badges.

Ten days before the event I had a phone call from the Dean, would AAW present the Waiapu Pectoral Cross. Of course we would it would be a great honour.

The service started with a parade of banners from the parishes and proudly waving was the Diocesan AAW banner carried by Hawkes Bay Regional President Mrs Judy Butler and Bay of Plenty Secretary Mrs Judith Hyatt.

Mrs Catharine White Eastland Region and Mrs Elaine Wood Diocesan President presented the Bishop with the Pectoral Cross. We were both very excited and honoured to be doing this.

AAW was represented by many members from all three regions of our Diocese. A wonderful day and an exciting time ahead as we get to know Bishop Andrew.

*Elaine Wood  
Waiapu Diocesan President*



*Bishop Andrew and family*



*Banners ready  
for the parade*

*Mrs Catharine  
White and Mrs  
Elaine Wood  
reading the  
words from the  
service sheet*



## *AAW Centennial Celebration at Havelock North*

In April 2014 the Rev'd Bryan Carey presided at a special service to celebrate one hundred years of continual meetings of the St Luke's Havelock North Morning Fellowship. At this service we were reminded that the Mothers' Union began at



St Luke's before 1911. The history of AAW was presented and thanks were given for the loyalty and contribution made by past and present members of the group who were remembered, honoured and celebrated.

The small, elderly group of members was joined by AAW members from the Hawke's Bay Region who had gathered to help the group celebrate their Centennial.

The service was followed by choral items from pupils of Elizabeth Curtis. The AAW cake was cut by Anne Buckner and Ngaire Fendall.

Evening Fellowship members hosted a lovely lunch. This small elderly group has been kept going down through the years by many inspiring and supportive clergy men and women.

*Beverley Galloway*



## ***Dannevirke Happening, hosted by St John's Family Fellowship on 10 October 2014.***

We were blessed by fine weather and by our guests who came from Woodville, Takapau, Waipukurau, Waipawa, Weber, Taradale and St John's Cathedral, Napier. Altogether we totalled 28 people. The parish lounge looked great with tables nicely set out, each one with a vase of fresh flowers. Our guests arrived promptly and enjoyed a refreshing cup of tea accompanied by fresh pikelets, scones and sandwiches.

The chatter was lively as acquaintances were renewed. Ivy was our star as old tales of nursing days were exchanged. We visited the charming Spinners and Weavers Cottage, where an impressive demonstration of various types of spinning took

place. We then proceeded to the Police Museum, where our hostess Maureen Lyons entertained us with stories and also showed us the exhibits and the amazing accommodation upstairs.

Our shared luncheon was sumptuous. Raffle tickets were sold and the proceeds will go to the Dannevirke Health Shuttle. Eucharist led by Rev. Jo Crosse was celebrated in the Church with Elaine Swanney accompanied our singing on the organ. After the service our guests left to travel to Norsewood to have a look around and then head home. We all enjoyed a very full and memorable day.

*Shelley Vette, President, St Johns  
Family Fellowship, Dannevirke*

## ***The Wahakura Story***

*Doctor:* How are you?

*Nanny Whai:* I'm much better thanks to you.

*Doctor:* Good. I've got a job for you. Maori babies die at a higher rate than others. Research shows high risk factors are smoking by hapu mums and bed sharing with

babies. Can we make safe sleeping place for our babies?

*Nanny Whai:* Back then we had moenga pepi.

*Doctor:* Could we make these for our babies? Can you make one to show me?

*Nanny Whai:* Of course!

Resulting from this conversation, the Wahakura Project was launched in Gisborne in June 2007. Nanny Whai's team, Nukutere weavers and others produced 86 Wahakura which were given to local families .

My first Wahakura were made over 31 years ago, after Emily Schuster in Rotorua, showed me hers. The style differed, the purpose was the same.

In 2010, with a group of midwives, I started a project teaching Whanau to make Wahakura. Dr David Tipene-Leach, a lead researcher in this field, tells me ours is the only project where we teach whanau to make their own. Others are beginning to follow our lead.

Partners, parents, friends and relatives come on our courses.

A relationship with Department

of Corrections means some young people weave with us, others harvest flax and deal with green waste.

Funding is scarce and sporadic – the rewards tremendous.

Young people with huge grins saying – “Everyone said I wouldn't be able to do it but I have!"; young mums saying “Will it hurt when I go into labour?” being reassured; whanau who quit smoking; kind AAW members and others who make blankets, donate baby clothes, give donations towards lunch; grieving whanau, so grateful to be gifted a wakawairua when baby does not survive.

Blessings to all and thanks to husband, Bruce

Catharine White, Gisborne

### *Some Explanations:*

hapu = pregnant  
moenga pepi = baby beds  
whanau = family  
Waha = to carry or bear + kura = something precious  
wakawairua = woven casket. (more literally = a canoe or conveyance for the spirit)

*Catharine White  
making Wahakura*



# Auckland Diocese

## ***AAW end-of-year Luncheon – McHugh’s of Cheltenham, Devonport - 14 November***

After the Eucharist presided over by AAW Chaplain the Revd Hilary Leith at Holy Trinity Church, Devonport Professor Peter Lineham spoke on the significance of celebrating the 200 years since the Gospel was first preached at Oihi, Bay of Islands. More than fifty members met at McHugh’s to enjoy lunch and meet group members, some of whom had travelled quite a distance. Everyone agreed that it was way to celebrate, not only all that has been achieved since 1814, but also the continuing fellowship of women’s ministry within our groups.

## ***St George’s Anglican Church Epsom***

**St George’s Anglican Church Epsom will celebrate its 100th anniversary in 2015.**

After the usual Wednesday 10am Holy Communion service, a reunion of former Young Wives, Mothers’ Union and AAW members was held in the Church hall on 19th November. The deli-

cious lunch, (catering for more than forty people including the Vicar, Revd Martyn Day and his assistant the Revd Josh Jones) had been organised and prepared by AAW members was enjoyed amid the buzz of constant reminiscing as former members were recognised and welcomed. This happy occasion was recorded in the many photographs taken.

## ***Celebrating Women’s Ministry 2014***

*(Source The Anglican Advent 2014)*

A service on Aotearoa Sunday held at Holy Trinity Cathedral on 23rd November was the chance to celebrate 200 years of women’s ministry. The service, dedicated to the Mothers’ Union, the Association of Anglican Women and Kahui Wahine, also recognised the ministry of the wives of missionaries and the impact that women had in the spreading of the gospel, those with names known and unknown.

*Natalie Taplin*

## ***Women’s Fellowship at Christ Church, Whangarei***

Women’s Fellowship at Christ Church, Whangarei, has re-assembled itself after disbanding 3 years ago, when many of the needs

of older people were met by The Selwyn Fellowship providing a weekly morning event for all comers, and a range of interesting activities, meals, outings, and speakers. This has been very successful and well-attended.

However, this is not 'parish fellowship' in the traditional way. So between ten and fifteen women have met monthly to 'be fellowship together', to create consistent bonds, associate with AAW, and as an outreach to newcomers.

Members have shared faith, fun, adventures, and stories over a bring-your-own-lunch.

In October ten of us travelled to Auckland; for a conducted tour of the Cathedral's new looks, – amazing! ; a sit, rest and eat your lunch visit to Marie Taylor's home – wonderful AAW hospitality thank you Marie!; as guests at St Aidan's Fellowship. Robin Bridgman was Chair, the speaker being the CEO of The Anglican Trust for Women and Children. We felt informed and involved with this major Anglican work.

It was good to be part of a large fellowship group. Travelling together gave us time to relate and share memories and aspirations. What a full and happy day! Thank you, AAW!.



*Top: McHugh's: Lady J (President), Natalie T (Sec)*

*Marie Taylor (Social Concerns.*

*Middle: St Georges Reunion, Backall to R Lesley McKKenzie, Gwen Stone, Suzanne Rivers. Front: Rosemary Newman, Daphne French, Betty Leyland*

*Bottom: AAW at Pah Homestead*

*Janice Cooper  
Auckland Circle Rep*

# Poppies

Growing out of a tiny crack in the asphalt on the side of a suburban road is a brave red poppy. One hundred years ago our young men went off to fight while their wives and mothers stayed behind raising their families and praying for their men. Over the following four or five years New Zealand lost 18,166 men and women to that war.

Many of you will have seen on the news the sea of red poppies that surrounded the Tower of London a few months ago. The New Zealand National Army Museum is asking for red poppies to form a cascading waterfall to

honour lost New Zealanders. The poppies, one for each life lost, can be knitted, crocheted, sewn or hand crafted in any way but must be the red Flanders kind. The project is to be completed by 2018. Already

over 5000 poppies have been made.

Would your AAW group like to have a “Poppy Day” for one activity this year? Finished poppies can be handed in to Knit World shops.

To make a knitted poppy you need a small amount of red and black yarn, knitting needles of a size to suit the yarn and a button the size of 50c piece.



*Pattern overleaf*

## ***Poppy knitting pattern***

### ***Instructions for petals (make 4)***

Cast on 13 sts  
Row 1: k all sts tbl  
Row 2: sl 1, k 11, turn, leaving rem sts on needle  
Row 3: k 11 turn  
Repeat row 3 seven more times  
Row 11: k 10, k2tog  
Row 12: sl 1, k 9, k2tog  
Row 13: k to end  
Repeat row 13 five times  
Row 19: k4, sl 1, k2tog, pssso, k4  
Row 20: k  
Row 21: k3, sl 1, k2tog, pssso, k3  
Row 22: k  
Row 23: k2, sl 1, k2tog, pssso, k2  
Row 24: k  
Row 25: k1, sl 1, k2tog, pssso, k1  
Row 26 : sl 1, k2tog, pssso, fasten off.

### ***Centre***

Cast on 6 sts  
Row 1: k

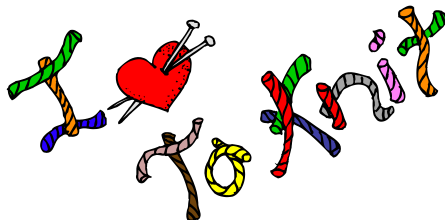
Row 2: inc 1, k to last st, inc 1 (8 sts)  
Row 3: inc 1, k to last st, inc 1 (10 sts)  
Knit 10 rows  
Row 14: k2tog, k to last 2 sts, k2tog (8 sts)  
Row 15: k2tog, k to last 2 sts, k2tog (6sts)  
Cast off .

### ***Stamens***

Cast on 10sts.  
Row 1: Cast off leaving 1 st on needle  
Row 2: Cast on 9 sts.  
Row 3: Cast off leaving 1 st on needle  
Repeat rows 2 and 3 six times.  
Cast off remaining st.

### ***To make up.***

Cover button with centre piece.  
Attach stamens around centre,  
Attach petals.



# QUIZ IDEAS FOR AAW MEETINGS

Sometimes we have to come up with alternative programmes if the designated speaker suddenly can't come on the date planned. One way our group has covered this happening is to have an impromptu quiz. There are several ways of doing this to keep it interesting, and to keep members thinking outside the box.

One method is to use the alphabet as the basis for answers, and this can be used for Biblical quizzes, geographical quizzes, or any sort of quiz really. However, to get some really inventive answers, the scoring is one point for a correct answer as normal; but extra points can be given if no one else has that same answer, and, if everyone has the same answer, everyone loses a point!! We found that we got some really crazy answers.

Subject quizzes also work well, especially for such days as Mothers' Day, Easter, Christmas, Queen's Birthday etc.

Another idea is to use dates covering a number of years or decades, such as where were the 1928 Olympic Games held (White City, London), or what 2 NZ related disasters happened in 1969 (Abbots-

ford and Erebus). Hopefully you will have among your membership, someone who has a head for useless facts such as these, and who can be called upon to run a quiz without much notice!

Christmas quizzes also bring up the idea of using the initial letters of well known Christmas Carols, to see how many of them members can recognise. As an example OIRDC = Once in Royal David's City; ICUTMC = It Came Upon The Midnight Clear; and IDOAWC = I'm Dreaming Of A White Christmas. This can be frustrating, but also lots of fun!

However, to make this work (instead of your speaker) is to make sure that you come prepared with a bag of treat size Chocolate bars, and for economy the Freddo bags have 20 in them rather than many of the others, which only have 12.

May your programmes for 2015 go well, but happy quizzing if there are hiccups!

*Verna Rutherford  
Roslyn, Dunedin Afternoon AAW  
Group.*



*Napier Cathedral window*

*Photo: M Sim, 2010*