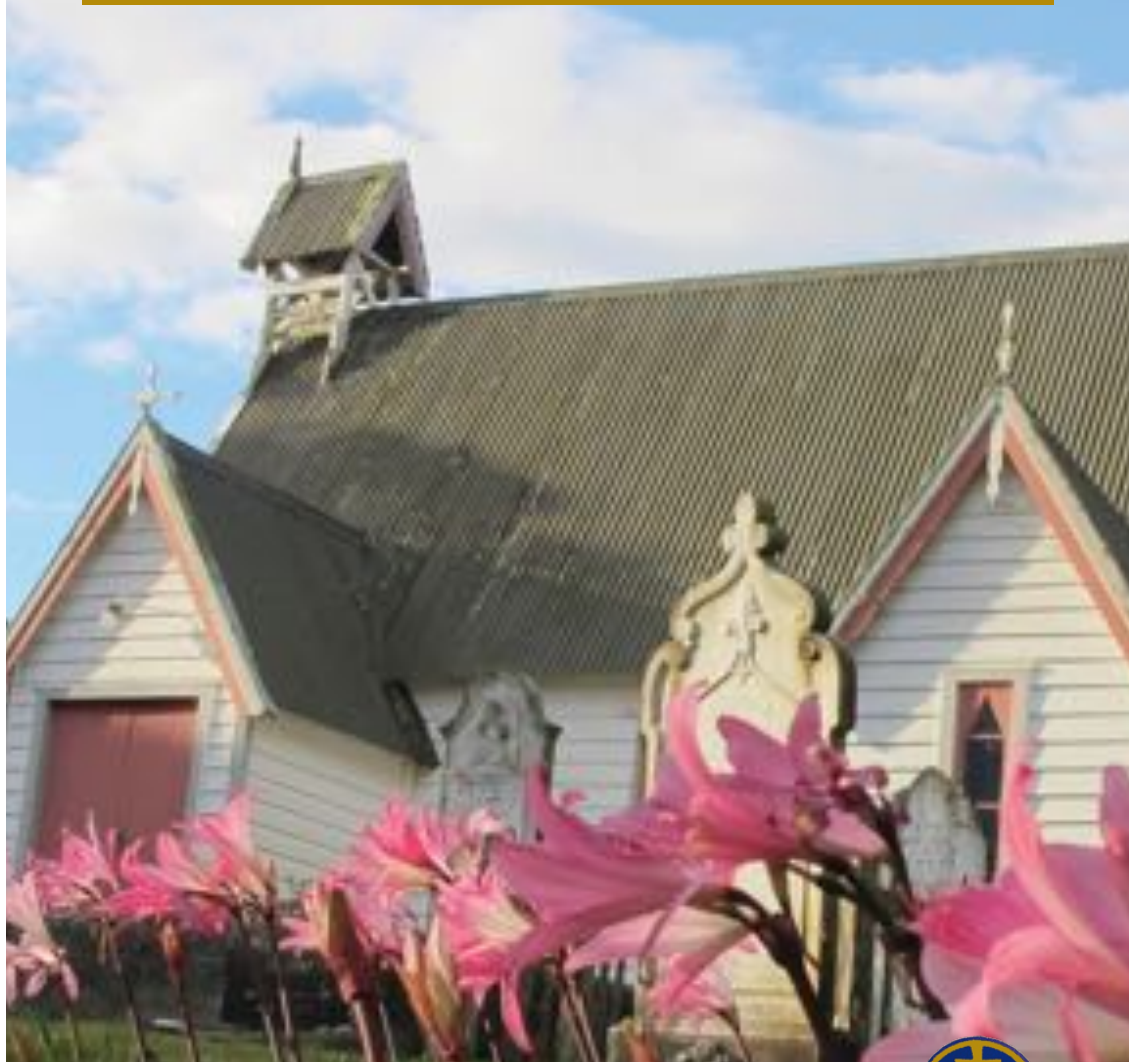


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From the Editorial Team



So much has happened already this year in terms of extreme weather conditions and then the massacre of Muslims at prayer in Christchurch, we Kiwis might be excused for thinking that we are incurring God's wrath for what we are, and are not, doing to His world.

Up till now we have associated hate speech, political wrangling and massacres as belonging to the far-away parts of the world; but now we need to realise that we Kiwis are involved, whether we like it or not, and we must deal to it.

What has surprised us most though is the positive effect our response of grief, prayer and compassion has had on the world. It seems they are stunned that we really care about what happens to other races living in New Zealand.

We are delighted that, led by our Prime Minister, we as a nation have 'turned the other cheek' to racism and hate. Long may we take this stand.

Members, please keep sending us your interesting 'copy' and photographs, especially in this our 50th Jubilee year. Remember, it is you who give life to this magazine and to your association.

God Bless.

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Letters to the Editorial Team

Dear Editorial Team

Here's the answer to the letter I wrote to *Anglican Taonga* after Conference last year.

Pip Harrison

Dear Pip and members of the AAW,

I'm sorry it has taken me so long to reply to the AAW letter on the transition of *Anglican Taonga* magazine into a digital publication.

We are aware of all the issues your members have raised and we believe that what we are planning will meet the needs you have identified, through different forms.

It is our hope that every Anglican and every person showing an interest in Anglican life and theology will have increased access to our news and feature articles once the new digital platforms come online.

We are aware that some people have not become familiar with digital communications, so for them it is very hard to imagine how the new systems will work for them.

This is an exploring time for all of us, and we intend to keep listening to all points of view as we test the new

platforms and respond to how every Anglican greets the options we present for our communications work.

My hope is that those people anxious about losing the magazine will be pleasantly surprised at how accessible and attractive the new ways of digesting our magazine across phones, computers and other hand held devices will be for them.

As we shared in the original notice about the end of the print magazine, we are in an interim period without a magazine as we develop the new platforms.

It is also possible that in future the province will choose to have a publication in hard copy, which would probably be annual rather than thrice-yearly.

Please ask your members to be patient with the provincial communications team as we work on the way ahead.

Thank you in advance,

Julanne Clarke-Morris

Editor, Provincial Communications Team

As a result of our reply to 'Perplexed' in the February 2019 issue of 'Circle', re the late celebration of the Wellington Diocese of the 40th Anniversary of their ordaining women, The Rev Dr Janet Crawford has sent us this feedback.

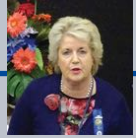
Women priests were ordained in Auckland and Waiapu Dioceses in December 1977; in Aotearoa (now Tikanga Maori) and Christchurch in 1978; Waikato in 1979; Dunedin in 1984; Polynesia in 1985; and Nelson in 1987. It thus took 10 years for all the dioceses to have taken this step.

Thank you, Janet, for this information and clarification. The team had no idea that it took so long for the ordination of women to be recognised and practised throughout the Province.



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President's Notes



What an exciting month celebrating our Golden Jubilee, firstly with our Dunedin members and then a couple of weeks ago in Nelson.

Next weekend it is Waiapu's Diocesan AGM and a weekend of events in Gisborne, where I look forward to hearing Archbishop Don Tamihere speak. The following week I'm in New Plymouth for New Plymouth/Taranaki's Golden Jubilee Celebrations.

I love meeting up with members and hearing your stories. It has been a privilege to hear the highlights of many of our Diocesan Presidents' time as leaders. Through them you hear our AAW story. I found out that Valetta Welch, a previous Nelson Diocesan President selected the tune from "Slane" to be played with our AAW hymn. I met up with Molly Fulton, a past NZ President from Dunedin, but now residing in Nelson. While in Nelson I attended Christ Church Cathedral to celebrate AAW Sunday and Mothering Sunday, where Rev Steve Jordan preached the sermon celebrating the work of AAW.

I've realised that our organisation has survived because of the dedication of our members. No matter how old our members are they are still actively involved in making a difference. It has

also been great to see our members purchasing our Golden Jubilee Memorabilia to commemorate our special year.

In mid-May I have the privilege of representing our organisation at the Anglican Women of Australia (AWA) Diocese of Riverina Biennial Conference to be held in Griffith, NSW. The theme is: "Women Using God's Gifts". Until recently there was a national organisation. Lucille Henniker, South African Provincial President and three of her members will be there so it will be a wonderful opportunity to share what is happening within our organisations, the issues and hopefully new initiatives.

Our lives have been overshadowed by the mosque attacks on 15 March in Christchurch. I think it will be always one of those moments you will be able to remember what you were doing when it occurred. I had six women at my place playing mahjong and enjoying afternoon tea when one of the ladies received a text from her neighbour, whose son is a surgeon in Christchurch and this alerted us to the terrible tragedy unfolding. It seemed so surreal, here we were sitting sharing a lovely time and yet this was happening. I think the way our country has responded is heartening – in support of the Muslim Community

President's Notes cont'd

and our nation as a whole – upholding the freedom to practise religion and emphasising the message “this is not who we are”. At our Sunday service, following the attack, it was lovely as a congregation to come together and to pray together; it is such a comfort and makes one feel blessed to be people of faith.

This morning I attended our Easter service and although wet outside, inside was warm with the glow of our church family celebrating our Risen Christ. It was made special with the christening of six young people, two renewing their baptism vows. Prior to this full body immersion they each spoke of their reasons for baptism – their mature heartfelt responses were humbling. It was encouraging to witness this spirituality not only for the ongoing life of our church but also our faith. It gives us hope for the future summed up for me with the following quote:

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. - (Isaiah 43:2 New International Version)

Blessings
Pat

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Diary of Golden Jubilee Events

May 3: New Plymouth/Taranaki

Diocese: 6pm - Service, shared dinner, entertainment and fellowship

May 18: Wellington Diocesan AGM & Golden Jubilee Celebrations at

Christ Church Whanganui: 9:30am Morning tea, AGM, catered lunch, Celebration Eucharist. Guest Speaker - Maria Millin, City Mission

August 10: Northern Region at St Stephen's Marton - Wellington

Diocese: Service and shared lunch

August 11: Christchurch Diocesan

Festival 2:00pm: Eucharist Service followed by afternoon tea at Rydges Hotel

August 29:

Provincial Celebration - 10:30am Service at St Paul's Cathedral Wellington with Bishop Eleanor Sanderson presiding, followed by a catered lunch.

Apologies to the Nelson Diocese for the wrong date published in the February issue for their AGM and Golden Jubilee Celebrations. They were held on the 30 March not the 9 March.

What Makes an Inspirational Woman?

This is a question that has teased the minds of your editorial team when preparing each issue. You see, there are no guidelines or prerequisites that are available for making this judgement. It is so subjective, personal, dependant on the types of role models and mentors each of us has had.

It may have been a relative who inspired: with her wisdom, her patience, her love, her nurturing. She may have been the matriarch of the family, the one who held together the family units.

It may have been a friend who was always there for you, stood by you when times were hard, who gave you hope.

It may have been someone you didn't know personally but whom you've admired – such as our Prime Minister: her demeanour, self-confidence, her attire that is always so appropriate, her ability to empathise with others, her courage in being true to her philosophy and principles.

Perhaps it has been a priest whose preaching and presiding has brought the presence of God to you in the Eucharist. One who calms your fears, answers your questions, gives you peace of mind.

Perhaps it is a woman who has been through hard times herself yet has accomplished so much for others. One who is always cheerful, positive; seeing only the best in everyone and everything.

Perhaps it has been a great sportswoman, maybe a disabled athlete, whose prowess and skill you admire so much, who has reached heights you could never dream of attaining.

Perhaps it has been a writer, a poet, whose philosophy arouses in you a response that enhances your thoughts and faith....

One of the difficulties we have faced is that sometimes we have been unable to persuade our inspirational women to talk to us, to allow us to write about them. So – for the next issue of *Circle* we want you to tell us of a woman who has inspired you. Keep it short, (100 words will do), don't use names if you don't want to, a photo of the person is not needed. Just share your thoughts and reasons for holding her in such high regard.

Perhaps then, we shall get a better picture of what it is that makes a woman inspirational to her peers.

Mary Houston

Provincial Executive Meeting

It was an interesting experience attending this meeting at the Anglican Centre in Wellington on Saturday 9 March. I was representing *Circle*. My account of this meeting will comprise my observations on discussions and proposed actions rather than a formal report.

The diocesan reports overall reflected loss: 100 members lost from Christchurch, numbers down in Waiapu, numbers dropping in Wellington, the Stoke group closed, St Stephen's group at Whangaparoa gone into recess... Although new members have been evident in some areas there are not enough to cover the loss; and it is so hard (too hard?) to persuade younger women to join, much less participate.

The update by Michael Hartfield, Operations and Projects Officer of Anglican Missions and Ambae project in the Pacific was another unhappy tale: shipping more water tanks to Tonga had been held up by Cyclone Bola, Vanuatu has a 64% chance of being impacted by natural disaster and global warming, and the refuges for women victims of domestic violence such as the Rainbow Venture were much needed in the Solomon Islands. The Ambae project involved the whole

population being evacuated not once but several times as a result of volcanic activity, and resettling refugees is fraught with difficulties.

Not all was doom and gloom. Financially AAW is rationalising structures and accounts and we are 'well in the black'. The financial year for groups is to be from 1 January to 31 December (instead of 1 October to 30 September). This will mean that 2018-19 will be a 15-month 'year'. Group AGM's should be held in November with the Financial Accounts being ratified at January or February group meetings. It was also asked that as many levies as possible be sent direct to the Diocesan Treasurers by groups before the end of April as our commitments call on our funding of them in May.

There was excitement about the 50th Jubilee year, at the samples of memorabilia available, and at the looking forward to what the future might bring. The overall attitude of the Executive was positive and was well summed up by Barbara Dixon from Auckland, when she said: "We look forward to a year of friendship, fellowship and gratitude."

Mary Houston

Following Signposts



The opening prayers of the NZ AAW Executive meeting in Wellington on 9 March, began with this reading from *Psalms 19:7-9* (MSG):

'The revelation of God is whole and pulls our lives together. The signposts of God are clear and point out the right road. The life-maps of God are right, showing the way to joy. The directions of God are plain and easy on the eyes. God's reputation is twenty-four carat gold, with a lifetime guarantee. The decisions of God are accurate to the nth degree.'

In my mind's eye there appeared an accurate Google-type road map, showing us the where and how we should travel on our life-journeys, with little signposts and roads marked, and icons for towns, villages, rivers. God's Way was not a broad straight highway, but a charming twisty lane meandering through the map page. The lane had many spidery off-shoots that led to enticingly named places like Joy, Love, Fulfilment. God's Way would be difficult to follow; tortuous and slow, to the point of being tedious. Would I have the perseverance to successfully travel there?

I again visualised signposts in the aftermath of the massacre of Muslims

eight days later in Christchurch mosques as they prayed. The shooter's signpost was large and stained with blood and the way he travelled was vividly shown live on Facebook: a broad red highway that sped from one mosque to the next. We couldn't miss our way; it was so very easy to follow, showing the route to abuse, grief and hate.

Fortunately, the vast majority of New Zealanders turned their backs on his signpost and picked their way down the winding paths of prayer to beauty, love and compassion, setting the example for the rest of the world to emulate.

The shooter must have in his mouth the bitter taste of irony. The actions he so flamboyantly took to engender hate and division among races and religions had the opposite effect, uniting our country and much of the world in grief and prayer.

On our life's journeys we see all sorts of signposts. Some glitter with the perceived promise of riches and power; some tempt us with lavish lifestyles and immoral freedoms; and some guarantee a fast road to success and popularity. Keeping to God's paths is difficult, exhausting, and often downright boring, which is so different from the adventure, action and fun that

Following Signposts continued

we instinctively yearn for.

At a school reunion I was once asked why I was such a good girl at school. I never got into trouble as some of them had! I replied that at a very early age taking shortcuts and doing wrong always led to being caught out and bitter punishment as its consequence.

I remembered a delightful patch of mud in the garden that I was forbidden to play on. Disobedience resulted in a fall on a shard of glass that tore my leg open. Stitches and septicaemia followed leaving an ugly scar as a reminder of my wrong-doing. And then there was the time I played with old garden taps in my grandmother's garden. I knew it was wrong, but how delightful it was to drench my little brother with squirts of water, then a tap broke and a great geyser of water cascaded over us. It took a neighbour to find and turn off the toby, and a call-out to a plumber to replace the tap and some piping. I was utterly mortified especially when Grandma turned to me and said sadly, 'Mary, just look what you've done!'

At the time I thought I was the unluckiest girl in the world! But in hindsight, I guess I was one of the lucky ones in being caught out always and learning while young that wrong-

doing wasn't worth the effort. Some people never learn that lesson and lose their way with disastrous results, for, indeed, *'the revelation of God is whole and pulls our lives together'*.

Mary Houston

AAW Golden Jubilee 2019 Memorabilia

Items may be ordered from
patvincent999@gmail.com

Bone China Mugs: \$15

Cards: Pack of 5: \$10

Tea Towel: \$7

Candle: \$5.50

Pen: \$5

Post and packaging extra.



Social Concerns - #Balance for Better

‘Balance for Better: better the balance, better the world’ is the slogan for International Women’s day 2019. This slogan points to the heart of how social concerns can be better addressed to support a more healthy, equitable society today and in the future.

In a recent *Newshub* interview between Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern and Helen Clark, which examined how much progress had been made for women over 125 years of suffrage, it was underlined how all sectors of society benefit when more women are represented in areas of influence, in particular in the political sphere. Attention was drawn to the fact that there are no women in the Papua New Guinean political system and that at the same time an incredibly high level of domestic violence exists within Papua New Guinean society. It was also stressed that for better outcomes for Pacific women, there needs to be greater representation of women in Pacific nations’ political systems.

Women in all societies - because they engage every day with social concern areas such as poverty, lack of

adequate housing and gender pay gap issues - are ideally placed to address these issues in a way which will benefit all members of society.

With this year being local body election year it could be worthwhile for AAW members to reflect on whether they might stand for office to make a difference to the wellbeing of women and therefore men, women and children of all circumstances - but particularly the most vulnerable in our society. If you would not consider standing yourself (although many women underestimate their political competency) you or your AAW group as a whole might like, at a local level, to encourage other women to stand - those who you know could make a difference.

Consider also inviting women who are putting themselves forward for your vote to speak at your AAW branch meeting so that they can be better informed on issues facing your local area and how women candidates are planning to address these issues.



‘Better the balance, better the world’

Perhaps this year we need to have an even firmer belief in our ability as women to be agents of change, and make clear what the term ‘feminist’ means. Being a feminist means believing in equal opportunities for men and women and therefore children. This does not necessarily mean believing that both sexes are the same but that both bring individual and necessary strengths to making society more equitable and that is

something which AAW clearly advocates for and is working towards!

Please continue to bring to the attention of Wendy and myself, any particular areas of social concern in your region so that as women of AAW and of Aotearoa/ New Zealand we can support you in addressing these matters.

*Social Concerns Co-convenors
Julie Walker and Wendy Probert*

Poem - Light a Candle

Light a candle.
For peace to shine through violence.
For love to shine through hate.
For hope to shine through despair.
For kindness to shine through cruelty.
For open hearts to shine through prejudice.
For togetherness to shine through division.

When our inadequate words fail -
A small candle reflects it all.
50 candles burning brightly -
Their lights will shine on.

*Chris Robertson-Parkes [Lone
Member Waiapu]*



Overseas and Outreach - Pacific

We have received the following update from Michael Hartfield, Project and Operations Officer, Anglican Missions

Water Tanks for Tonga

Three water tanks have been purchased and arrangements are being made for their shipment to Holy Trinity Ha'apai and St Andrew's Va'vau. Each parish is responsible for the construction of a concrete base. The AAW Executive has agreed to the following wording which will be attached to each tank: "NZ Association of Anglican Women – Women Supporting Women". Anglican Missions has asked the vestries responsible for the installation of each tank to provide photographs.

Future Project in Ambae, Vanuatu:

For over a year the population of Ambae Island in Vanuatu has suffered from the effects of volcanic activity, including acid rain, contaminated water, poisonous gases and falling ash. Late last year the entire population

was evacuated (for the second time in 18 months). While the State of Emergency has now ended, many of the thousands evacuated have been left in limbo as they consider whether to return home or to try and settle elsewhere. Many displaced people of Ambae are still facing uncertainty – even if they return, they will need to salvage what is left of their livelihoods, homes, and animals, all left behind on the island that has been subject to volcanic contamination. Thousands still live in make-shift tents in 'evacuation centres' on the islands of Maewo and Santo, but this set-up is unsustainable. The Anglican Church of Melanesia (ACoM) has been at the forefront of the response and is heavily involved in recovery efforts.

One option for AAW support this year could be a tangible project to support ACoM as it works with women and children who have been disproportionately affected by the evacuation. Anglican Missions will work with AAW on developing a specific project that we can support.

Shelley Vette

Overseas and Outreach Convenor

Overseas and Outreach - Cambodia

Anne and Anthony McCormick

January began with us holidaying on the beach at Saloem, Koh Rong Island, off the coast of Cambodia. Once back in Battambang, Anne resumed her twice-weekly Khmer lessons, focusing mainly on reading passages and noting new vocabulary, as well as preparing songs to sing in Khmer with the worship team at church. The hospital was very quiet – the new reality these days, since in-patient numbers have been cut. Some initial discussions and planning for more involvement at the Handa Academy took place.

Anthony, after our holiday, looked for a new translator to work with him following the resignation of Sothea in December. He needed someone with a good knowledge of English, able to prepare Powerpoints in Khmer as well as the oral translation required for workshops.

We are pleased to report that there has been progress on both these fronts in February. For Anne, discussions were held with the leadership of both the Handa Foundation and the Handa Academy, the outcome of which is that Anne and her assistant will move the papermaking to the Academy over the next few months, involving the

children in their arts and craft programme. There are also plans to work with some women or children in the future. This is a welcome and exciting development, bringing Anne closer to what she originally wanted to do when she came to Cambodia – to work with village women in some sort of income-generating craft project. CMS short-termer Adrienne Worth has also started working part-time in Anne's project as well as working at the Handa Academy.

Good things have been going on in Anthony's programme too. He spruced up his office with a new coat of paint on his return from holiday, put up some bright posters on the walls and now has a more pleasant work space. He was also successful in finding a new translator, Sokhai, who has started work on translating new material for some of the workshops requested for this year. They will be going to Siem Reap at least four times to lead week-long workshops.

Thank you for partnering with us in praising God for the way He has been at work in both our programmes over the last two months, as well as praying for what is ahead.

Shelley Vette

Overseas and Outreach Convenor

The Invisible Industry

Nowadays we are very aware of where our goods and services come from, so we like to avoid products from overseas sweatshops where pay is minimal – if indeed the workers are paid at all! But are we aware that 90% of the products we use every day are transported to New Zealand by ships crewed by unseen seafarers whose working conditions and remuneration are so poor, that this is called ‘The Invisible Industry’? Our typical day focuses on work, family, meetings, appointments and commitments – our minds are filled with a million things, so we often miss these threads of connection.

The Rev Lance Lukin works in one of the eleven Mission to Seafarer Centres in New Zealand, the Port of Wellington. The Mission is a not-for-profit, faith-based charity that provides welfare and advocacy to modern-day seafarers. It is part of the Ministry of the Anglican Church and there has been a Centre in Wellington since 1899.

Nearly 2,000 ships visit Wellington each year: fuel tankers, log ships, container ships, car transport ships, cruise ships. They provide big profits

to their owners, but little to modern seafarers. Lance points out that crew members are mainly Filipino, Korean, Indian or Chinese, people from the cheap labour sourcing countries... Filipinos are preferred as they speak relatively good English. These people go to sea as it is seen as a good job that pays well, and they want to make a better life for their families.

However, the reality is different. The average contract for a seafarer is 296 days, the average wage is less than \$US900 a month, on average two ships are lost every week, on average 2,000 seafarers die at sea each year (mainly from suicide), and, in 2017 the Mission and sister organisations working with the International Transport Federation helped to recover \$US31,679,757 in unpaid wages.

Lance describes life at sea: “It is not so very different from life in a prison or sweatshop. There is no internet. Cell phones don’t work. Usually there is no WIFI. Alcohol is not permitted. The lighting is industrial, the food is grim, and the crew has no idea what’s in the containers they are hauling. When in port the average stay is about 8 hours,

The Invisible Industry continued

just enough time to discharge cargo, refuel and supply. No time to go ashore. Crew are in effect, held captive while in port, and if they do manage to get ashore, the chances are that they will be ripped off by local businesses: their money is in US dollars, and because they don't have time to get to the bank to exchange currency, they pay for goods in US currency and change is given in NZ dollars!"

And this is the bigger ships. On smaller ships like this Thai fishing ship (see photo below), many of the crew are held against their will and forced to work at gun-point with no proper protective clothing. Sleeping quarters are overcrowded (see photo p.18) and they are kept working by means of methamphetamines. Most of the men in these photos are now dead. These boats usually leave port for

three years at sea returning early only if they need repair. They are serviced at sea by mother-ships that bring supplies and collect the catch.

Lance explains: "Last year New Zealand signed into law the Maritime Labour Convention which is the Bill of Rights for seafarers, guaranteeing fair working conditions and access to welfare support in every port they visit. In Wellington the Mission provides that support and advocacy with money raised by sausage sizzles and the like, or by charitable donations. What seafarers want most is contact with their families so the Mission spends \$790 a month in Wellington to provide free WIFI for them on shore, and \$300 a month to take WIFI on to the ships to cater for those who cannot go ashore."

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The Invisible Industry continued

What can we do to help these seafarers? Write to the Ministry of Transport because Maritime New Zealand is undergoing a funding review. Ask that a \$50 levy be paid by each visiting ship to assist organisations that provide welfare support...compared with the berthing charge of about \$39,000 per visit the levy is small change that would make a huge difference to welfare providers.

Some AAW groups knit beanies for the seamen...they are hugely appreciated so keep those beanies

coming. And next time your group has a sales table, why not donate the money raised to the Mission to Seafarers at your nearest port?

Lance sums up by saying: “This invisible group of men and women work in an invisible industry that enables you and me to live as we do, puts the clothes on our backs, the gas in our cars and the food on our tables. They bring 90% of everything we consume to our shore. And they need our help.”

Mary Houston



A Golden Jubilee Song

This song was written by Pat Cogger of Greymouth for the Golden Jubilee celebrations at Nelson. It was sung to the tune of “Glory, Glory, Hallelujah”.

Chorus:

Glory, glory hallelujah
Glory, glory hallelujah
Glory, glory hallelujah
AAW keeps marching on

Fifty years have come and gone
Since AAW was born
And since that time our members
Have laboured night and morn
We’ve helped with many tasks
Our local churches have required
And to take a supporting role
Is what we have desired

Chorus

We have served in mission giving
Took devotions in our turn
Took part in different Home Groups
For study of God’s word
Discussed some national remits when
Situations caused concern
To ensure the needs of families and children
So important to us all

Chorus

Our Overseas and Outreach interests
Are important in our view
We have supported many projects
Ongoing; and some new
Kept contact with the many folks
Serving in the mission fields
Bringing hope through Jesus Christ
The gospel message for us all

Chorus

Once a year we see our lovely ladies
As we’ve not seen them before
As they “strut their stuff” upon the stage
The Rosebowl cup to score
They even made the Bishop blush
At the sight before his eyes
The antics of mature ladies,
Can certainly surprise

Chorus

All the time we’ve had great fun
With speaker, games and more
We share the same core values
The mainstay of us all
With spiritual support, love,
Faith, and friendship too
Stand up AAW ladies
All our members stand up tall

Chorus

The 4th verse referred to the annual Rosebowl Cup that Nelson Diocesan groups compete for annually. The Bishop referred to is a previous bishop: Bishop Derek Eaton. The skit had the ladies dressed by Pat in look-alike onion bottoms with their legs on display which is what made the bishop blush. They sang and performed to: “I’m a Little Petunia on an Onion Patch”.

Pat is currently on the Nelson Diocesan Executive. She is a former Nelson Diocesan President. She has also been Diocesan Social Concerns Convenor twice, a Regional Leader and Leader of her Greymouth AAW Group.

Following Jesus' steps

Here are excerpts from a diary kept by Auckland President Barbara Dixon when on a recent visit to the Holy Land. Thank you, Barbara, for sharing your experiences.

I'm getting near to Jerusalem. I see hills with stone walls, just as I had visualised how the shepherds would be when tending their flocks. I think: 'Yes, I'm really here.'

First impressions of Jerusalem?

Dirty, with a lot of rubbish about and uneaten food left on walls. We have a day to recover from travelling, so check out the surroundings of the St George College, in Jerusalem. Then the introductions. We are told that 'You are not here as holiday-makers or tourists, but pilgrims on a journey, following Jesus's footsteps.' Our Course Leader Mary June is a Theologian, Priest and Archaeologist, a very interesting person. The Very

Rev Andrew Nunn, Dean of Southwark Cathedral, London, UK, is Course Chaplain. At most of the sites we will have a Bible reading, prayers, and sometimes a hymn.

Day One:

We go on an orientation walk to see Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives, the highest point of Jerusalem. From here we can see the Great Wall and the grand vista of the area, old and new. We return to the college for lunch and then walk to St Anne's, Betheseda, the Old City Wall and the Lion's Gate (also called Stephen's Gate). Now that we are acclimatised, we shall embark on twelve full days of wonderful experiences; every day will be so interesting it will be difficult to choose a few of the best...

We go by bus to Ein Kerem the traditional home of Elizabeth and Zechariah, where Mary visited



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Elizabeth. We see the Church of the Visitation; also, Mary's Well that has run through here since the beginning of time.

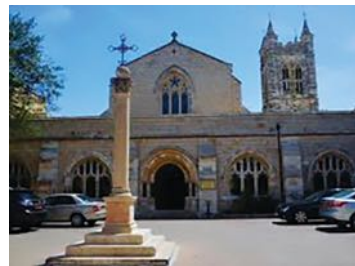
We go to Bethlehem to the Church of the Nativity which is being restored. The mosaics are being uncovered, the columns cleaned to reveal medieval graffiti. The place where Jesus was



The star marking the site of Jesus' birth

born is under this church. We line up for about an hour and a half as hundreds of people – pilgrims and tourists – go down narrow steps to the site. It is likely Jesus was born in a cave. Animals were sheltered in caves, not in stalls as we are inclined to envisage them. The top has been taken off the cave and the church built over the top. Next door is St Catherine's Church with St Jerome's Chapel underneath. It is here the first translation of the Bible into Latin took place, the translation which is still used by the Roman Catholic Church.

There is a visit to the Judean Wilderness. The desert is no way anything like the desert here in New Zealand. Just a great expanse of hills the colour of sand, yet Bedouins live here tending their sheep and goats. It is here that Jesus spent 40 days and nights. We walk up some of these hills: a bit steep with loose stones. From here we see in the distance St George's Monastery set into the hills. It doesn't face the afternoon sun – the temperature today is 40 degrees Celsius. This Monastery has solar panels on its roof, really 21st century! Accommodation is being built here for people to come and stay and experience the area. There is some rain - in winter - so water is very precious;



every drop is collected so that some produce can be grown.

We go to the Jordan River, now a muddy river, where we renew our

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Baptismal vows. We begin with prayers and it's a very moving experience. Some of our group go for full immersion!

On the day we go to the Sea of Galilee we sit and have a Bible reading and Eucharist at the Mount of Beatitudes. I feel very much at peace here. I can really envisage Jesus speaking to the disciples. Then a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee, and we walk in the water.

At the Upper Room we remember the Last Supper, singing 'When we break bread together'.

One day we walk the Ancient Way of the Cross, via Dolorosa to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. At each of the 14 stations we sing the first verse of 'Were you there when they crucified our Lord?' When we reach the Church, we sing 'Thine be the Glory'.

Masada, King



Herod's Fortress, is set thousands of feet above the Dead Sea on the edge of the Judean desert. From here we look out to the north and south – a very good viewpoint for Herod! This has a desert climate and nowadays Israeli soldiers are sent here to learn the Jewish history, and to train. A place that doesn't move me is the Dead Sea -Kalia Beach. The level of the sea has dropped several metres in past years because of global warming, and the taking of water from the Jordan River and Sea of Galilee. The Dead Sea is 1300 feet below sea level. It is very commercialised: many stalls at the top of the hill and on the sand many tents and chairs.

At Qumran we visit the museum where many of the Dead Sea Scrolls are kept. Some are in reasonable condition, while others are just fragments, or have bits of top and bottom lines missing. There are differing opinions as to what the missing words might say.

Another walk is the Way of Palm Sunday from the Mount of Olives to the Garden of Gethsemane, where there is an olive tree that could be thousands of years old. Looks very gnarled but is still sprouting new



Robyn Downey, Nancy Jones, Karyn Inder, Barbara Dixon, Sadie Bond, Daryl Quirk

Auckland President, Barbara Dixon caught up with some of the members of Holy Trinity AAW Fellowship after

church one Sunday. Barbara was in Te Kopuru visiting family so took the opportunity to make contact.

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branches and producing olives. The church here, the Church of all Nations, (also known as the Basilica of the Agony), has a section of rock where Jesus is said to have prayed before his arrest. From here we look out over to the Great Wall, and to the Golden Gate which is sealed shut.

It is on the final afternoon that we go to Karait Jearim in Abu Ghosh, the possible location of the city of Emmaus, to have our closing Eucharist outdoors at the church of Our Lady of the Ark of the Covenant...

It's been a most wonderful experience. From here on, for me, I have a greater understanding of, and connection to, the Scriptures that have really come alive, and I often recall some part of the pilgrimage when reading the Bible.

Lord, thank you for those who have walked your way, leaving footsteps for us to follow. Thank you for enabling me to make this journey to see, discover, and share it with others. Amen.

Barbara Dixon

Diocesan News - Christchurch

Episcopal Ordination

The 9 February, 2019 was a very memorable day in the life of the Anglican Diocese of Christchurch with the Episcopal Ordination and Installation of The Reverend Doctor Peter Carrell as the Ninth Bishop of Christchurch. The ordination service was held at the Christchurch Boys' High School Auditorium. This celebration was attended by 1000 people including Anglicans from the diocese and the province.

Following the ordination, Bishop Peter was installed as the Ninth Bishop of Christchurch in a service in Cathedral Square at 3pm. He chose to hold the ceremony in front of the ruined Christ Church Cathedral rather than in the transitional "cardboard" cathedral. It was a way of saying that the Christchurch Diocese is really committed to the reinstatement of the cathedral.

In his final words Bishop Peter Carrell zeroed in on the Gospel promise that had brought him to take up the bishop's mantle – the call to lead his people to be in the world to offer the hope of Christ for all, and

especially for the last, the lost and the least.



Peter and his whanau responding to his welcome with the waiata, Te Aroha



Representatives of the Diocese presented Peter for ordination to Archbishop Don Tamihere. He is presented by a bishop - his father Bishop Brian Carrell; a layreader - Mrs Fay Deam; and a priest - Rev Joshua Taylor.



Archbishops and Bishops prayed for Peter while the congregation sang "Wairua Tapu" – a call to the Holy Spirit.



After Peter was dressed by his family, Bridget, Peter's daughter and Terese, Peter's wife, share a wonderful moment when Peter is Bishop.



Sitting in the cathedra, or Bishop's Chair, is symbolic of taking up the mantle of being Bishop of Christchurch.



A lineup of Bishops at the Installation Service of Bishop Peter Carrell in Cathedral Square.

A strength of Bishop Peter's ministry is the partnership with his wife, Terese Kundycki-Carrell, a lay-chaplain at Cathedral Grammar School.



These pictures and story are from a feature article about the Ordination and Installation of Bishop Peter Carrell from *Anglican Life*, Photo Credit – c/o *Anglican Life* and Neil Macbeth Photography, February /March 2019.

Terrorist Attack Christchurch

The terrorist attack on Masjid Al Noor and Linwood Mosques on 15 March, 2019 shocked the City of Christchurch. The loss of the lives of 50 men, women and children, plus the 50 injured and requiring hospital treatment, threw the City into a state of

shock. People responded with flowers, donations of money to help families, and an outpouring of love to the Muslim community.

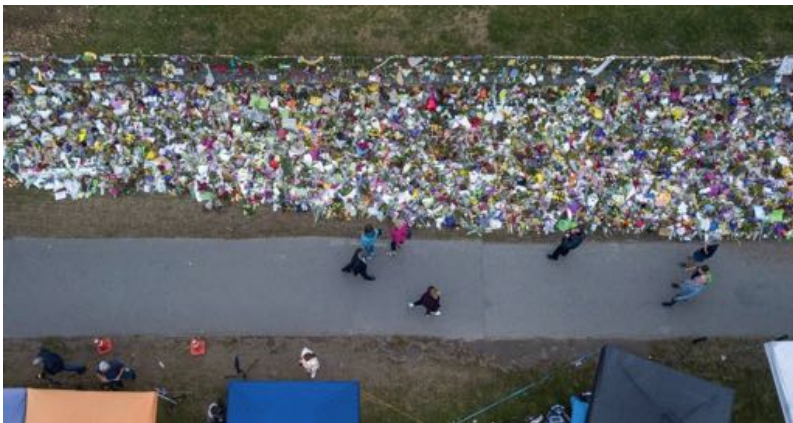
I appreciated email messages from NZAAW members and received a donation from St Peter's Anglican Church, Katikati, Women's Fellowship Group for Muslim women & children.

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We will add more money to this donation and buy grocery vouchers to give to Muslim widows and their children. Flowers, as a token of our love and support for the Muslim community, are still scattered in many parts of the City.

The photograph below, from *The Christchurch Press*, tells a story of how the local people reacted to this dreadful event in our City. The flower wall attracted thousands of residents, visitors and international media.



Christchurch City flower wall Photo credit: *The Christchurch Press*

Golden Jubilee - Now We Are 50

An AAW Diocesan workshop for Leaders, Secretaries, Treasurers and any other AAW members who wished to attend was held on 30 March, 2019. The workshop was led by Joanne Gumbrell, a previous Diocesan President from 1981-1984.

We reviewed the last 50 years of AAW and then looked to the future

and discussed if changes needed to be made. A ballot was taken on 3 options:

Stay as we are	36%
Close now/this year	Nil
New look	64%

A lot of useful discussion took place and everyone present enjoyed the morning, followed by lunch.

*Jude Mackenzie,
President*

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The workshop discussion groups



From left: Christchurch President, Judith Mackenzie; Past Provincial President Jan Deavoll, Ruth Harwood, Olive Gray and Joanne Gumbrell

Diocesan News - Wellington

Capital City (CCAW) AGM & Farewell to Jan Peleton

Our members gathered on Thursday 4 April at 12pm at St John's Johnsonville (see right) for a lunch, AGM and the opportunity to farewell Jan Peleton the Regional Leader for the last nine years. Jan was warmly farewelled with a much deserved AAW Certificate of Appreciation presented by Mary Driver, Wellington Diocesan President and gifts from Pam Hartley, Secretary/ Treasurer for (CCAW). Jan is one of our stalwart AAW leaders who has given up time and energy over the years to continue to lead with her positive, serene manner.



After the AGM Angie Curtis, the newly appointed St John's Vicar's Warden and a new St John's AAW member spoke on the topic: "Footsteps – listening to God on a journey from South Africa". Angie is a young mother who was born and raised in South Africa, before emigrating to New Zealand with her husband. She



**Left: Mary Driver presenting Jan Peleton with her Certificate of Appreciation
Centre: Pam Hartley presenting Jan Peleton with gifts
Right: Angie Curtis receiving a gift of appreciation from Judith Robinson**

St John's Cathedral AAW have an active knitting group who meet regularly in the Napier Public Library, making a variety of garments including singlets for newborn babies. They recently commenced a new project to knit over 40 beanies for needy pupils at a school where an AAW member teaches.



Members "modelling" the beanies

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was a secondary school teacher there and spoke about living in a society with ever-present violence and how one becomes inured to it. Angie spoke about her journey with God.

Pat Vincent

Belmont Archdeaconry

The Belmont Archdeaconry decided to combine its AGM with its Jubilee celebration at St Hilda's Upper Hutt on Saturday 23 March.

At the AGM it was noted that, because group treasurers now send donations and levies direct to the Diocesan Treasurers, there is no longer a need for an Archdeaconry Committee, just for a Co-ordinator.

Belmont elected Lyn Bellamy of St Hilda's AAW as its Co-ordinator.

The guest speaker, the Rev Lance Lukin, co-vicar of St Hilda's and the Chaplain for the Wellington Mission to Seafarers, proved to be an evocative and lively speaker. He described graphically the difficult lives seafarers lead, and how dependent we are on them, for they transport 90% of the goods that we use every day. (See the article page 16, *The Invisible Industry*.)

A catered-for finger-food luncheon followed at which the Ven Archdeacon Judith Hardie cut the Jubilee cake made and iced by Mary Driver. The day closed with a celebratory Eucharist.



Diocesan News - Nelson

Nelson Diocese

Nelson Diocese Golden Jubilee celebration was held in conjunction with the Diocesan AGM on 30 March. Seventy women gathered in the hall of the Nelson College for Girls. The AGM was chaired by the Very Reverend Charles Tyrell who opened with some thoughts on Mothering Sunday (31 March) and read the Magnificat. He also brought greetings from the Bishop-elect Steve Maina.

Our guest speaker, NZ Provincial President Pat Vincent shared something of her life story and also gave us a short history of how AAW began and some of the women who influenced those early years. She challenged us to remember younger



Left: Diane Higgins welcoming Pat Vincent

and Below: Diane presenting Roz Loasby with her Certificate of Appreciation

women need to do practical things and Facebook and websites are often their main methods of communication.



Diocesan President, Diane Higgins presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Roz Loasby, for her contribution to our Diocese. Roz is moving to the North Island in June. She will be missed. The AGM concluded with the singing of the National Anthem, the words of which have become very meaningful to our country over the last few weeks.

A lovely lunch was provided by Teapot Valley Christian Camp and everybody was able

Left: Nelson Diocese Past Presidents



to mingle and look at the memorabilia table and purchase some of the souvenirs available. After lunch, 9 of our previous presidents shared some highlights of their term of office. Unfortunately our first president, Mrs Pamela Sutton was not well enough to be able to attend so the Anniversary cake was cut by Mrs Valetta Welch (1978-1981) assisted by Mrs Faith Price, who was the Provincial Secretary for Mrs Sutton from 1973-77 and our Diocesan President from 2006-2009. Most presidents told of their highlights, including the weekend seminars that were held for many years at Lake Rotoiti, and the overnight meetings at Teapot Valley that replaced them.

We then proceeded to the Cathedral for afternoon tea, followed by the banner procession and Communion



**Valetta Welch and Faith Price
cutting the cake**

service led by Rev Joy Bradley (a former President).

The Very Rev Charles spoke to us about the Biblical meaning of Jubilee and the challenges of our 4 G's: Growth through Gratitude, Grace and Guidance. He reminded us of **GRACE, God's Riches At Christ's Expense.**

Holy Trinity Greymouth

One of Holy Trinity's foundation members passed away at the end of last year. Val Boote had played a very active role in their group over the years as a leader, secretary and committee member. She always contributed to the Audrey Landels Rosebowl competition at Diocesan meetings, helping Greymouth win many times, and when they were held in Greymouth was a key member of the organising committee.

She could always be relied on to provide for shared meals in their own group, for interchurch functions which she strongly believed in, and for events such as the resthome games which her group hosted several times. She also took over the organising of the World Day of Prayer for the Greymouth area. A life well-lived.

Diocesan News - Polynesia

Dear Circle Fano,

On the 1st Sunday in Lent, 10 March 2019, we were blessed with a beautiful day befitting the occasion of the Episcopal Ordination and Installation of The Reverend Fereimi Cama as the 7th Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of Polynesia and his recognition as Archbishop and Primate of the Anglican Church of Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia.

We are blessed to have our first Itaukei Archbishop - *To God Be the Glory.*

Our ladies with their *kalavata* ensured everything went well during the service as ushers and catered for

luncheon. A big *malo* to our Suva Ovalau Ladies for the beautiful spread.

May God bless you all and your families during this Lent Season.

Vinaka

Litia Smith



Photos from the Ordination and Installation service for Archbishop Fereimi Cama



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Above and Left: AAW ladies doing the catering for the celebratory luncheon
Right: The beautiful mats in front of the top table



Right: Inside the Suva Cathedral on the occasion of the Ordination and Installation of Archbishop Cama
Photo: Anglican Diocese of Polynesia Facebook page



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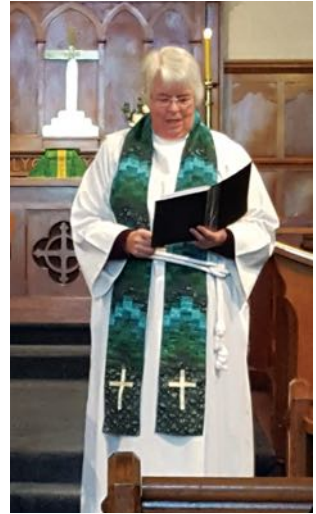
Dunedin Diocesan AGM and Golden Jubilee Celebrations

The Celebrations were held on Saturday 2 March at St John's Roslyn. The day began with morning tea, followed by the AGM and Commissioning Service. After lunch Bishop Steven Benford gave a very interesting talk with the theme, 'Grow through Appreciation', and showed his musical skills on the piano by playing for the hymn used for the service.

Following Bishop Steven we heard from Provincial President Pat Vincent about the history of AAW, including the women who have shaped our organisation and looking to the future. Past Diocesan Presidents spoke of their term in office. Then the lovely cake, made and iced by Christine Aitken, Dunedin Diocesan President, was cut by

Pat and Christine. Members either stayed on or went home to rest before returning for pre-dinner drinks and our 50th Anniversary dinner.

Following the main course Rev Canon Gary Griffith-Smith gave an inspiring talk on great women from the past, the present and especially women in the Bible. The evening finished about 8.30pm which was a good time for those who had come from around our Diocese to travel home.



Sri Lanka

Since this issue was put together, the Sri Lankan terrorist bomb attacks have occurred in 3 cities - Colombo, Negombo and Batticaloa.

This time the victims were attending Christian churches or were tourists in hotels or were just innocent people who were going about their normal business.

What is really shocking is that there

is evidence that warnings were issued about the attacks a fortnight beforehand. Did nobody listen?



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**This and
opposite page:
Photos from
the Dunedin
celebrations**



