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up' at Lake Okataina.  
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## From Our President . . .

Elizabeth Crawley C

Greetings to you all,

Special prayers & greetings as the new team take over from the Auckland team. I offer special thanks for all they have done. As I take over as the New Zealand president, I am very conscious of the many gifted people that I follow and the foundation they have laid. As to begin our task I would like to tell you a bit about myself.

I was born in Masterton went to school in Levin and the last 2 years I spent at Napier Girls' High School. Following that I did my nursing training at the Hastings Memorial Hospital where I ended my time there as a ward sister.

After I was married we spent six years in Hamilton and it was there that our two children were born. We returned to Hawke's Bay in 1970 and have been there ever since! Once my children finished their schooling and took up their careers, I decided to enter the work force part time. After a year, I was 'thrown the keys' and began to manage the branch of a transport company. This position I held for 16 years. I retired, but after a year, was phoned from head office and asked to go back part time, something I continue to do. This has helped, since my husband passed away very suddenly 6 years ago. I have a very special grandson of 9 years.

Though all this I have been nurtured, cared for and have continued to grow in my Christian faith - especially with the friends I have made through our Association of Anglican Women. My journey with the Association began in 1969. I have held different positions in Group, Regional & Diocesan levels and look forward to working, sharing and getting to know you over the next 3 years.

My vision for the next 3 years is to try to encourage younger women to become more involved in some way. My challenge to you all is to find a way to share some of this vision of who we are and what this Association had at its beginning - a place which includes all ages. We have a wonderful Association and what we do, we do well. At this time the Circle team is arranging to have a web page on the General Synod website, a good way to communicate with the younger viewer.

As we reflect back on the last few months, we remember the people of Christchurch, as they continue to live with the effects of the earthquake. More recently, our thoughts & prayers continue to be with the families of the miners who died in the Pike River Mine explosion and the wider community of the West Coast

May the message of the Risen Christ be with you all.



Elizabeth

# AAW: Where is the next generation ?

By David Rice, Bishop of Waiapu

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During 2010, it was my privilege to offer an address at our Annual Diocesan Gathering of The Association of Anglican Women. It was a wonderful event and true to form for Waiapu, the occasion was distinctly Tikanga Rua (bi-cultural). During the course of my presentation, I paused and invited questions from the gathering.

One of the queries posed to me was: “Bishop David, as you look around, you see we are getting older. What do you think we need to do to encourage the involvement of younger women?”

Now, I must say, this is not the first time I have heard this question, that is, the question concerning how we might “green” (lower the average age of) our church. Furthermore, the church certainly hasn’t cornered the market, as it were, with this concern. I have heard this question from various and sundry civic and service organizations, volunteer groups and the like. And perhaps for those of you who know me, my response would not surprise you. Regardless of the context from which this question has come, my response has been consistent.

When asked by a member of AAW from my diocese, “What do you think we must do to find younger people?” I said, offering a question to a question (always a good bob-and-weave tactic {from my very early boxing days}), “What does it mean to be AAW? And to what extent do you talk about your own association?” And if my memory serves me correctly, and it usually does, there was a rather significant pause, no, better said, a prolonged silence to my question.

So I continued, hoping not to be heard as answering my own query: “Well, you could change the way you order your meetings. Perhaps you could have fewer gatherings which require a formal agenda and more social occasions. What if AAW could be known for the social/communal events it sponsors? I reckon getting out beyond the walls of our churches and focusing on serving our community would encourage younger women to take notice and become involved.

“What about changing your name? You could develop a PR Strategy, find a new brand, a new, perhaps first-time marketing campaign. You know, you could, in an attempt to reach Generations X to Z, use less church language and make whatever it is you do slightly more ‘hip.’

“Maybe consider the times when you meet and ask if those times are conducive for younger women, possibly young mums. When was the last time

you actually invited someone new/younger to come along; I mean, offered to pick her up, arrange child care, do whatever is necessary to make it easier for whomever to say ‘Yes?’

“When was the last time you talked about AAW to someone else and the reasons it is important to you?”

Now, knowing how I can ‘go on a bit’ I’m sure I gave the AAW an extensive laundry list of suggestions/questions in extremely quick succession. And again, if I recall accurately, subsequent to issuing these suggestions/questions, I said, “It is possible you have written down this well-meaning stream of consciousness, and there may be some rather good suggestions and thought-provoking questions here.”

However, rather than feeling overwhelmed by the volume of words, perhaps we should return to the initial question and try to answer it as simply as possible.

“What do you think it means to be AAW?” To which I responded, this time overtly answering my own question, “It means, the AAW, which, if I have it right, is about growing faith, enabling service and building relationships. It means it has made a difference in your lives; if not, I don’t think you would be here. And because it has made a difference then you would, no doubt, want other women to benefit from the same experience.”

In other words, I want to suggest that the future of AAW rests, at least partially, with your willingness to speak openly and freely and often about what AAW is meant to be about: faith, service and relationships. And if you do that, I am confident “greening” will occur, mission will happen, and the AAW will grow.

And by-the-way, using the language I know best, God is ‘in it’ with you.

Arohanui,

The Rt Rev David Rice, Bishop of Waiapu



## Waiapu's Year Long Youth Interns 2010

### Introducing Joshua Reid, Emma Hocking and Michael Hebenton

Thanks to Bishop David and Jocelyn Czerwonka, the creators of our year, we have had the privilege to experience the wonders of our diocese in a way many will never get to do. The purpose of our internship was to provide a year of experience and discernment within the church to help young adults hear what God's call in their life might be.

We have each completed a set of three month placements in three contrasting parishes around the diocese, immersing ourselves in the broad spectrum of their ministries both within the church and wider community, Josh covering Gisborne, Mount Maunganui and Rotorua, Emma covering Taupo, Tauranga and Havelock North, and Michael covering Havelock North, Rotorua and Dannevirke. We have each preached numerous times, helped run and organise different services, been involved in youth events and spent time visiting parishioners in their homes.

Out in the community we spent a few days here and there at different schools helping with Religious Education classes; we worked with people of all ages from early childhood centres through to rest homes.

As well as being heavily involved in each parish, we also were able to be involved in a number of larger regional, diocesan and national events such as the National Anglican Youth Forum in Napier, General Synod in Gisborne, the AAW AGM in Rotorua, Top Parish, Diocesan Synod, Clergy training days and the Messy Church Conference.

As a part of the internship we have also been studying through the Ecumenical Institute of Distance Theological Studies based in Christchurch, completing an *Introduction to the New Testament* paper and a *Church History in Aotearoa New Zealand* paper. Next year the internship will have a Three Tikanga flavour to it with an intern from Tikanga Pakeha, Tikanga Pasefika and Tikanga Maori. The internship has been an incredible year for us all and our faith!!



## God's Tapestry of life.

Revd Barbara Walker



The older one gets, the more threads of life are woven into God's tapestry which he has designed for each one of our lives. The threads are woven together from those earlier threads sewn together deep in our mother's womb. Gradually we emerge from there and God then continues to weave and creates us into his people, using the colours of life. Experiences, challenges, mountains and valleys, all are woven into God's tapestry- his plans for our lives.

At times, the threads are very fragile, at times they may begin to fray, but they never break. Gradually over the weeks, months and years, God's beautiful picture for our lives takes space and the frame is built around the tapestry. For me it has been my family, my friends, my faith and God's call on my life.

My threads were gathered together deep in Southland at a small place called Riverton, where nearly 60 years ago, I entered this world. The threads of my life have taken me from that small fishing village, to a number of places in rural New Zealand; as a child to Auckland for nursing and midwifery training; to Tasmania for bible college training and then overseas as a Christian nurse-midwife working in some of the toughest places in the world.

For over 17 years I sought to be the hands and feet of Christ for many who, often through no fault of their own, were herded into refugee camps because of the wars, famines, and disasters. I also spent time in mission hospitals, working alongside amazing national staff who had also chosen to minister and use their God-given skills and abilities in often very difficult and challenging circumstances. Daily we would work side by side, in delivery rooms, theatres, outpatients clinics, wards, under trees, seeking to relieve the suffering of those who were lying in beds, on the floors, in donkey carts, and in mud huts. Often it was too late to give medicine and active treatment, but it certainly was not too late to sit and hold a hand of a dying AIDS patient in Zambia or Tanzania, or comfort a tribal woman from the Afghan region bordering Pakistan whose infant daughter has died of tetanus, or minister in fervent prayer for a fellow worker who was seriously ill with amoebic dysentery.

It was during those tough times that God wove the threads of trust, peace, strength, love and hope, and the threads of the different cultures and beliefs of those with whom I was working into God's tapestry for my life.

At times I struggled and found it very hard. But God, and those with whom I worked and journeyed assisted me, despite my shortcomings, to make a difference to those who we met along the journey of life. God was also weaving his threads of life into their tapestries, creating their picture and building their frame.



In 1996 God began adding other threads into my life and I returned to New Zealand. Gradually over the months God began to show me what was to be the next part of the his tapestry for me- but that is another story.

Each of us are part of God's handiwork. I wonder what threads God has woven into your life, and where those threads have taken you?

## Journey without maps. *Revd John Flavell, abridged.*

### Whakapono = Faith!!

*'To have faith is to be sure of the things we hope for, to be certain of the things we can't see.' Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16.*

In English, many of the words that we as Christians use are little short words, but they have big big meanings. Words like God, Christ, love, sin and this word; faith. In Te Reo we don't go in for quite such short words so we have God-Atua, Christ-Karaiti, love-aroa, sin-hara, and faith-whakapono.

Words like whakapono or faith have quite a religious or churchy sound to them. Maybe they even seem rather boring, irrelevant or even old fashioned. But they are rich, powerful words, that point to us to what is real in our lives.

Words we use everyday can also have a spiritual meaning: words like kai-food, paraoa, or taro-bread, waina- wine or rongomau- peace, and ordinary events in our lives can also speak to us of holy things.

But the word whakapono-faith points us to the realm of the unknown, to mystery and depth that is beyond our everyday experience. Something that is beyond words.

Words alone can't convey faith's power. That's why we, as Maori, have difficulty explaining in English words that have spiritual meanings to us. Words like Tapu or Mana. Whole theses have been written in English and Maori trying to explain those words. Maybe they're ultimately indescribable. Maybe we can only know them by experiencing them.

But even things that are beyond words can be, and should be, talked about. We might not get the whole picture but it will help us to get a handle on it. Let's look at whakapono-faith from various angles in the hope that we might gain a bit of understanding!

'To have faith is to be sure of the things we hope for, to be certain of the things we cannot see.' Does that line make you think, "Eh? Yeah right!" Or did you just let it blow right past you? Faith and hope can't be torn apart. Whakapono, tumanako, faith and hope!

The lives of the Hebrew Old Testament ancestors - tupuna were important because they lived lives of faith. The lives of our ancestors -tupuna are important to us too; both Maori and Pakeha. As Mihinare-Anglicans we're especially focused on remembering Christian men and women of faith. Just have a glance through the Calendar at the beginning of the Prayer Book. A random selection shows that we remember Dominic Priest 1221, Florence Nightingale, Hildegard, and Ruatara, Henry Williams, and Te Wera Hauraki, Francis of Assisi and Hemi Te Kiri Karamu, as well as many, many others. We honour those of faith, who have gone before us. Their lives are a testimony of their faith in God. However, when we think about, and are having faith, we sometimes try to be really intellectual about it . . .

**Faith is much, much more than simply belief that there is a God.**

- ❖ Faith is also trust that God will journey along side us as we search for meaning and hope and belief and faith in our lives.
- ❖ Faith has a long memory and benefits from the experience of those who have gone before us.
- ❖ Faith also hopes and looks beyond the present to God's future and our part in it.
- ❖ Faith never gives up; it is enduring. To have faith is to come to accept that sometimes God's promises are deferred, and the conviction that even death doesn't cancel out Gods promises.
- ❖ Faith is a firm belief in the things we can't see.

It is the substance, the essence, the very being of things hoped for. However, faith is not a permanent state; it is often fragile and hard to hold on to.

To use an Old Testament example, the Children of Israel wandered for 40 years in the desert; they lost their faith. God didn't loose them, they lost God. We all have wilderness experiences in our lives, times when we are distant and separated from or angry with God. But God entrusts us with freedom. People of faith always have the option; the choice of returning.

In the Old Testament, it's the land that the Children of Israel had left behind that was important to them, that they were longing for. For me, as Maori it is Hawaikinui, Hawaikiroa, and Hawaikipamamo. Or as my Protestant Irish wife would say; it is Tergoland, Caithness and Benbradagh. It's the land that gives us a sense of knowing, of belonging, of longing for.



Whakapono, tumanako, faith and hope - they are one. The life of faith is a journey, a pilgrimage, a Hikoi. As Mihinare, as Anglicans, we know all about Hikoi! My wife and I journeyed with Christians, Anglican, Ratana, Ringatu, Quaker and Catholic all the way from Stewart Island to Wellington all those years ago. It was a journey of faith and hope.

The God, who calls us into new life, gives us a vision of what we are really searching for: To see with fresh eyes, new goals, new values, new relationships; to involve not just our minds, but our whole selves, and to go out and share those goals and values and relationships with others.

Now, if you're thinking that this is that it is all a bit much, let us think of another way of looking and thinking about faith, and it has got a kai, a food theme.

Have you made paraoa or bread or even pikelets or pancakes lately, anything that has a batter with a leavening agent, such as baking powder or yeast or a rewana like potato water? The batter doesn't look much does it?

Before they are baked, yeast breads give us a bit of a clue about what they're going to be like when they come out of the umu - the oven. It's the quick breads like paraoa parae-fried bread and pikelets and pancakes that really surprise us. There they sit - just 'batter in a bowl.' We 'oldies' know what to expect, so the miracle is often wasted on us.

But make pancakes with your grandchildren, and watch their faces and with a little care and patience, you will be reminded of the miracle of a hot pan! Batter goes in. Wait until the bubbles burst - and voila - breakfast, slathered with butter and golden syrup - it's a feast.

So next time you're trying to wrap your mind around faith or worrying that you don't have any or enough of it, just think about making pancakes and trust that what comes out of the pan will look and taste better than what went in.

Always remember that faith is more of a process than a possession. And more on again - off again than once and for all. Faith is not being sure where you're going, but going forward anyway.

*A hikoi, a journey without maps. Enjoy!*



## Overseas and Outreach

Robyn Hickman

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### 'Voices!'

*'Voices' present our AAW Mission Partners for 2010 - 2013*

#### Leader

The AIMS of the Association of Anglican Women are:-

1. To unite in prayer and participate in the Mission of the Church.
2. To promote, safeguard and nurture Christian family life.

Look at the first part of our Aims. Our Association in NZ gives about \$37,000 to Anglican Mission projects every year. This includes both overseas projects and local outreach in New Zealand, particularly for work among women and children. Let us share with you a glimpse of where the money is spent . . .

#### Voice 1

For many years AAW has supported **Dr Edric Baker** at the Kailakuri Health Care Project in Bangladesh where he works mainly with women and children. Edric has established a good working environment by training the poor to treat the poor and using recovered diabetics to go to outlying districts to teach the local people. The Project depends on motivation, training, supervision and good management. Funding is almost entirely from private donations, mostly from NZ and America. AAW sends \$1000 per annum to Kailakuri.

#### Voice 2

In Cairo we meet **Madam Ansaf**, an amazing Egyptian woman in her 80s who works there with the poor women and children. She teaches the poor widowed women sewing and crafts which she then sells at the Markets, so that they can support themselves and their children. At the Boulak Centre where Madam Ansaf is, families are helped with drug addiction, illiteracy, medication, and given encouragement to find employment.

**Rosie** has now joined the ministry team at the Anglican Cathedral in Cairo. Here she supports the people who are in charge of the hospitals, prison ministry, refugees, special needs school, and the drug rehabilitation centre. Please pray for her as she grows accustomed to her new life in Egypt and learns the language.

**Jolene** also arrived in Egypt this year and is busy building relationships with the locals, and learning the language. AAW sends each of these people \$1000 per annum.

#### Voice 3

**The Sisters of the Church** were invited to the Solomon Islands in 1970. The Sisters train the novices and postulants at the Hill of Prayer and the Novitiate teach Sunday School, Bible studies, and lead services in nearby villages on Sundays. They also welcome people for retreats and quiet days. **The Christian Care Centre**, a rescue centre near Honiara, was established with help from the NZ Government. There, Sisters from the **Sisters of the Church** work alongside **Sisters of the Church of Melanesia** in providing care for victims of domestic violence and other abuse. It is the only home or centre like this in the Solomon Islands and they care for many women and children who are victims because of broken marriages and other personal problems.

**The Community of the Sisters of Melanesia** began in the late 1960s as a third order at Verane'aso, and run along the lines of the Melanesian Franciscans. They are involved in parish and retreat work, counselling, and care of abused women and children at the centre near Honiara. \$2000 goes to each Community annually.

**Voice 4** Judith Looser, Pakistan, is the Co-Coordinator of Kunri Krafts.

This is a craft-based initiative designed to encourage and build women and men of character in the Diocese of Kunri. Sponsorship funds have played a key role in the setup and maintenance of Kunri Krafts.



KK was established in 2000, and now over 60 women and men from the community have worked in various roles and all have earned money, gained skills and confidence, and been exposed to Christian teaching. Many of the women now running the crafts have been trained up by Judith and are now in a position to carry on without a great deal of her input. Some money has sponsored children through school and helped in furthering their tertiary education. Judith receives \$1000 per annum to assist in her work.

**Voice 5.** I speak for Donald Gondawa, National **Health Village Volunteer Coordinator, Popondetta**: The Mission of the Anglican Church Health Service is to improve the physical, psychological, social and spiritual health and wellbeing of everyone in the communities we serve, irrespective of religious denomination, clan, status, age, gender, or ability to pay.

The support of the AMB and AAW enables the Service to train local people in their villages to prevent common illnesses, treat simple common diseases and help mothers to have a clean and safe delivery. AAW has helped fund the full-time diocesan-funded post for Village Health and Community Development Coordinator for the Dogura Diocese.

**Voice 6.** **Newton Theological College** is in Papua New Guinea and the students' wives receive support from AAW. This funding enables the wives to be educated at the same time as their husbands. They learn sewing skills, have instruction on health and hygiene, and enjoy cooking lessons. They also study the Scriptures so that by the time their husbands are ordained they are better able to contribute to the running of their parish.

AAW has supplied literacy materials, sewing machines and funding to help the students' wives in their learning experience.

The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea is the most poorly resourced provincial Anglican Church in the South Pacific Region.

**Voice 7.** **Mr Reuben Kasus** is in charge of the **Literacy Programme** in the Diocese of New Guinea Islands. He is responsible for the setting up of village school rooms and training volunteers to look after each school. The school rooms are spread across Papua New Guinea and very difficult to contact easily so each teacher is solely responsible for the children in that village. The Co-ordinator tries to visit the school every few months. Transport is inadequate as roads are few and far between.

**Voice 8.** **The Community of the Visitation of Our Lady** in Papua New Guinea has long been supported by AAW. The Sisters are working in Religious Education in Schools, AIDS education, and with the Mothers' Union. AAW gives \$1000 per annum to each of the four Papua New Guinea ministries.

**Voice 9.** AAW sends \$1000 a year to Sri Lanka for the **Devasevikaramya Religious Community Board of Women's Work in the Kurunagela Diocese**. The women are involved in Prayer groups, Bible study, special retreats, visiting the sick, orphanages, senior citizens in homes, and prisoners in jail. They provide literacy for lepers, crisis shelters for women, and rehabilitation centres. Through these activities they aim to strengthen women's fellowship activities.

**Voice 10** **Polynesia** has received help for many years from the AAW. \$2000 is given for each of the following projects. Our women are also AAW members and share fully with the women in NZ working for the furtherance of Christ's kingdom in our land.

- Money is given for assistance with equipment and training in the **kindergartens** attached to Anglican parishes and open to children in the surrounding areas. All teachers are Government certified and most are AAW.
- **Sewing machines** have been made available to help supplement income in a number of parishes.
- **Travel** for the AAW President to keep in touch with the remote areas, in Fiji, Tonga, and Western Samoa.
- **AAW Outreach** for the five archdeaconries. Some unemployed members from small islands need assistance to attend meetings.

**Voice 11.** I am a NZ child in one of the poorer areas of our country. Our Religious Education books are provided by the Churches' Education Commission from an annual \$3000 grant from the AAW. This is the only way I hear the stories of Jesus as my parents do not take me to Church. I wondered why we celebrated Christmas!



**Leader** Each year up to \$1000 can be given as a “**Seeding Grant**” for a project within NZ which has come from a request by AAW members. Such requests are considered by the NZ AAW Executive and must meet certain criteria. Grants have been made to schools for teenage parents, Seasons, or ‘Growing Through Grief’ programmes, and ‘Waves’ - a youth health and development service in New Plymouth.

AAW has an **Emergency Fund** to provide for disasters. Over the years money has been sent to areas following floods, earthquakes and tsunamis in NZ, Fiji, Solomon Islands, Samoa, Haiti, Chile, and some other countries.

**The 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Project.** Over 2 years ago it was suggested that we raise \$8000 for fresh water supply in Fiji, as a thank offering. The final total raised was \$23,750!!! Talks are now taking place in Fiji between the Anglican Mission Board, the Bishops of Polynesia, and Engineers without Borders to decide on the most suitable sites for the water tanks.

Yes, the AAW is very much involved in Mission both overseas and at home and we wanted to share this work with you all. The many ‘voices’ thank you and bless you as we continue to bring the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ to others, sharing the love of God, and rejoicing in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.

*Robyn Hickman, NZ AAW Overseas and Outreach Convenor, with thanks to Pamela Ash, a former O&O Convenor who inspired this format.*

## Social Concerns

Eileen Imlach

As we begin in 2011, I wish to thank conveners and members for their input last year, and wish you all a happy and healthy New Year. I am aware many of you are active in your own branches of NCWNZ so have a chance to have input locally on the issues that they send to us for comment. But I would appreciate some “feed back” from you too!

I would also appreciate your sharing, through me, information about social issues you are dealing with within your own dioceses. It is when we meet up at Executive meetings that we hear about “social concern” issues that are managed routinely within many groups, insights that could well be extended into other areas.

2010 was a memorable year. Our prayers are still with our sisters in Christchurch and the West Coast as they deal with local tragedies. I expect many of you have connections with family and friends in Queensland and admire the stoic attitude of the people enabling them to get out and try to restore some order into their lives.

I forwarded the email from NCW National Office to the Social Concerns conveners concerning the Alcohol Reform Bill. I trust some of them have had time to take some action on this very important issue.

I heard Professor Sellman’s address at the NCW conference. The alcohol intake of people - particularly the young women and lads - really is a “cause for concern”. Sadly, I am sure that if you live in a city, and have been into the city centre on a Friday or Saturday night, you will have to agree we need to have a change.

The other major issue NCW has been addressing is the selling of their property in Park St in Thorndon and moving to occupy a floor in a central city building. Apparently, maintenance in the present building has become a big problem

*Thank you again for your input. I look forward to an active and stimulating 2011. Blessings from Eileen.*

## Mothers’ Union

Rosemary Kempself, MU World President



### Culturally Diverse – believing together.

It was a pleasure to visit the members of Mothers’ Union in the Province last October and to meet face to face rather than through emails or magazines. There is a place for both but it is the little conversations and shared experiences from which we learn so much and that provide lasting memories. I feel privileged to have the opportunity to go to many places in the world where there is MU: now over 4 million members in 81 countries.

*Rosemary Kempself (above)  
- and with the Pasefika gathering  
at Holy Trinity, Otahuhu.*

I came to see, to listen, to encourage and to sketch the wider picture of the worldwide membership. I soon realised that here the Anglican Church has a unique structure in which MU operates.

The ‘three Tikanga’ cultural streams Maori, Pakeha and Polynesian need to be experienced to have insight into the whole body of the church and bring a whole new perspective to working alongside different cultures. I saw a culturally diverse MU that believes together and practises that belief by outreach into the church and community. I saw an MU that is taking seriously the challenge of bringing younger people into the organisation. I was delighted to spend time in Northland, an unforgettable experience, and to be invited, together with Iritana Hankin, Diocesan President, to enrol new members, some of whom were men.





In Auckland I enjoyed the celebrations with Tikanga Pasefika and it was good to renew acquaintance with Archdeacon Tai' (The Revd Fagamalama Matalavea Tuatagaloa) at the service at Otahuhu, and the magnificent banquet that followed. The dramatised and sung version of the Lord's Prayer by the youth was a moving experience that I might have missed if Rosemary Bent had not said, "Don't close your eyes!"

I heard from Archbishop David Moxon and many of your bishops, the new branch in Christchurch and the Christchurch AAW. I was delighted to meet the new incoming National President of the AAW, Elizabeth Crawley, and Elizabeth Bang, President of the National Council of Women and chatted with so many members that I couldn't count the number.

I hope that I encouraged all that I have met and raised the MU profile.

I hope that I informed: I preached 5 times and gave 6 power point presentations during my stay. Research shows overwhelmingly that without vision little will happen. Our vision is of a world where God's love is shown through loving, respectful, and flourishing relationships. The MU Central Programmes, Literacy and Development have now reached 73,000 learners, the Worldwide Parenting Programme now extends to the Caribbean and Africa. They have been in response to some of the most deprived in the world addressing major challenges such as education, illiteracy, gender inequality, health, HIV/AIDS, maternal health, child mortality, parenting skills. This happens because of the inspired work of staff and members.

My thanks to everyone who has made my visit such a memorable one. I have realised just how richly culturally diverse the province is and I pray that the paths of MU and the AAW will continue to gradually weave more closely together.

*Rosemary Kempself*

# Lent

**Lent is a time to travel**

Light to clear the clutter from our clouded lives and find a space, a desert.

Deserts are bleak, no creature comforts, only a vast expanse of stillness,  
sharpening awareness of ourselves and God.

*Uncomfortable places, deserts.*

Most of the time we're tempted to avoid them, finding good reason to.

Live lives of ease, cushioned by noise from self-discovery.

Clutching at world's success to store off fear.

But if we dare to face the silence, to strip away our false security,

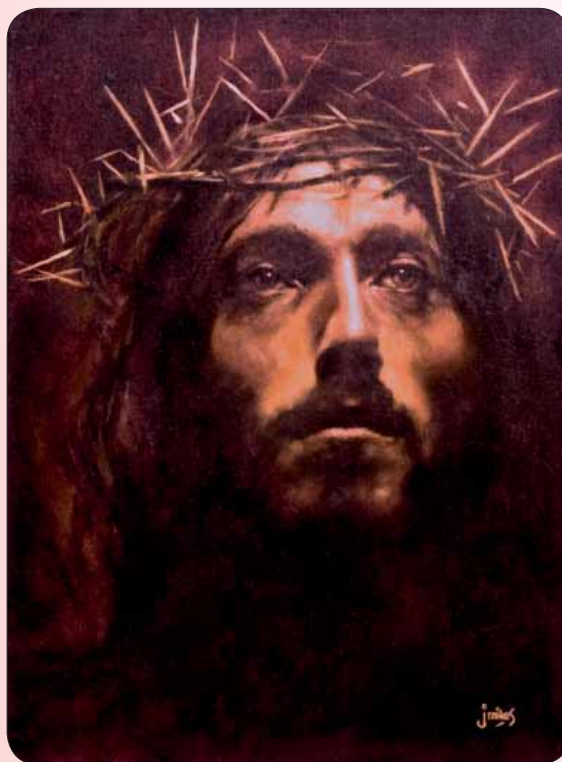
God can begin to grow his wholeness in us.

Fill up our emptiness, destroy our fears, give us a new vision, courage for the journey,

And make our desert blossom like a rose.

*Ann Lewin*

*from Candles and Kingfishers.*



We know by your Gospel story O God, how Jesus met people  
in their hurt and their need.

He turned their despair into hope, their sorrow into joy, their  
anxiety into peace,  
their fear into an awareness of your presence.

Speak to us in this Lenten season.

We too need your healing hand, your healing strength and the  
quiet confidence that we are not alone.

We offer you all that we bring so that we may know anew the  
message of Christ Jesus who promises us that we are not alone.

## **The Signs of Easter**

We find you most surprising friend in unexpected places  
and at unexpected times:

On the everyday path of our lives;

In challenge and in change,

In child-like openness and vulnerability,

In joyful response to love...

And most of all...

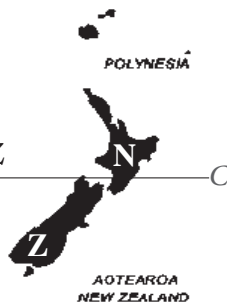
When our hearts are sad, our hands are empty  
and our need is admitted.

Then Living Lord, you will come to us, and our search is over.  
May we know you when you come, and say in glad welcome:

"It is the Lord".

# Relating and Rejoicing

News from Pasefika and from N to Z



## Diocese of Polynesia

The Association of Anglican Women of this Diocese has recently produced its first newsletter. One of the items is a report about the **House of Sarah**, an AAW project. The House of Sarah is a Ministry that puts into perspective God's call that we stand with and lend a **listening ear**, offer a **compassionate heart** and extend a **welcoming hand** to all in need of care, love and compassion. This volunteer centre in Suva was opened in response to increasing social inadequacies faced by the people of Fiji and the volunteers are undergoing counselling training programmes. The eight-member working committee chaired by the AAW Diocesan president Mili Fong, oversees the project.

Esita Vuki, a leader in the very active new **Fiji Group** based at **St John's Theological College** in Auckland sent us the photos below:



Esita leads prayer in Fijian at Otahuhu. The Samoan Women's Group's Action Chorus at Selwyn Church, led by AAW President Tuli Mata'i Smith. See also the picture on page 8 of Rosemary Kempall, Worldwide MU President, with Fr Iloa, Fr Aporosa, Mothers' Union and AAW members.



## Diocese of Auckland

Over 51 AAW members of the **Auckland Diocese**, from Waiuku in the South to Warkworth in the North, attended a Christmas party at St

John's, Northcote, celebrating a beautiful Christmas Eucharist prepared and taken by the Revd Kate Thorn. A number of AAW groups decorated small tables depicting the theme of Advent and Christmas.



Members, as always, brought interesting and useful items for the trading table; bought delicious home-made produce from Paulene's Pantry and supported the raffles. After a delicious Christmas lunch, entertainment was provided by the Pacific Island Group as they sang a beautiful Tongan Hymn.

Children from Kauri Park School Choir years 9 and 10 were conducted by their music teacher, as they presented many well received musical items. \$194.00 from the collection and \$110 from the Pacific Island ladies were added to the Christchurch Fund; \$150 from the raffle went to cover expenses while \$80 from the trading table and Paulene's pantry will be used toward O&O and attendance expenses for Conference.



## The Warkworth AAW Coffee

**Group** was thrilled to raise \$171.80 at a luncheon held at Algies Bay. 21 wonderful ladies contributed \$5.00, supported the trading table and contributed to a pot luck lunch. We are a small group of 11 women, but we had great support from the parish and from three who couldn't attend. We raise money once a year and find this an easy, joyful way to join in the spirit of Christmas, giving money to AAW projects. We are blessed to be supported by our Clergy who always attend. Thank goodness the sun was shining and the Bay water looked lovely.



**The St Aidan's Remeura AAW Garden Party** was held at the home of Robyn Bridgman. At the suggestion of Marie Taylor QSO, this was to raise funds for the Bishop of Auckland's Christchurch Earthquake Appeal.

During a brilliant sunny afternoon a quartet of young parishioners entertained, playing trumpets and saxophones, giving a selection of light music. A sumptuous afternoon tea was served and later a glass of wine. All gave generously and there were no costs. Many who could not attend gave donations and a cheque for a total of \$2,135 was added to the fund. All felt it was a great privilege to be able to help.





## Diocese of Waiapu

**St Mary's Fellowship in Waipukarau** enjoyed a charity night at the Little Theatre last October to watch a very varied programme. They also raised funds through stalls and catering for funerals throughout 2010, to support the Hamlin Fistula Hospitals in Ethiopia. *Morag Tilah, Waipukarau*

**All Saint's, Taradale Evening Fellowship** invited Dave Pipe, Napier City councillor, to speak about his recent trip to China. Organised by a Chinese couple living in Napier, Dave and eleven others visited High Schools in different Chinese cities. Interesting facts noted were that up to sixty pupils could be in one class and the teachers were working much longer days than their NZ counterparts. In Beichuan, where a severe earthquake hit two years ago, the visiting group learnt that 1000 high school students had been buried under the rubble in the quake. The visitors were all emotionally aware of the dead pupils buried beneath where they were standing. The talk gave an interesting glimpse into present-day China. *Dot Galbraith, Taradale*

**St John's Otumoetai** hosted a "Come to Lunch" last year, drawing 48 guests one of whom was "Aunt Daisy." Member Joan Kruse wrote the script and dressed accordingly for a typical Aunt Daisy broadcast. "Good morning, good morning and good morning," she announced "As I left for the studio this morning the sun was shining up my back passage . . . This set the tone and amidst our laughter revived our memory boxes. *Chris Parkes, Otumoetai*



**The Hawke's Bay Regional Festival**, held at **St Matthew's, Hastings** on 30 October 2010, included speaker, Richard Moore, a highly qualified health nurse. Richard spends several months each year ministering in health centres in the central and northern areas of the Australian outback. He has come to know and love the Aboriginal people. A church service, taken by Graeme Pilgrim, in the afternoon was followed by an informative talk about St Matthew's Church which is currently undergoing restoration. *Daniel Evans.*

**St Andrew's, Taupo** AAW group hosted the final ecumenical meeting for 2010 in late November. We started with morning tea and socializing, followed by a floral demonstration of simple Christmas table decorations by Paddy Jaine and Marona Southee. These are two very talented ladies who were most inspirational and encouraging. The order of service was numbered and six members were drawn and winners were able to choose a floral posy made by Paddy and Marona. The meeting closed with a church service compiled by Joan Dalloway and taken by leader, Lizzie Buchanan. We closed with a blessing sung to the tune of "Eidelweiss." *Pat Nairn, St Andrew's, Taupo*



## Diocese of Waikato and Taranaki

On 8 December 2010, St Chad's AAW - currently Taranaki Archdeaconry Link - held a pre-Christmas party in the church hall. Approximately 45 guests arrived with their \$5.00 registration fee and the requested grocery item. Each guest received a free raffle ticket at the door, and was welcomed with a glass of wine (bottled, good stuff) or some delicious fruit punch. Cheese dips and crackers were available, and a social half-hour was enjoyed.

Kathi Egli was MC for the evening. Between her humorous anecdotes and the skits from five different groups (some very hilarious), raffles were drawn. The donated items made up eight bags of groceries for a great multi draw. A truly fun evening ended with a cup of tea or coffee and a slice of carrot cake.

*Mary Needs.*



## Diocese of Wellington

**Horowhenua - A Special Rose.** The Mary Sumner rose, named after the founder of the Mothers' Union, can be found in the garden outside the Horowhenua Medical Centre in Liverpool Street, Levin. The roses were originally cultivated and then planted outside the entrance to the old Horowhenua Hospital.

There was some concern that they might have been destroyed during the construction of the new hospital. So, MU members brought this to the attention of the public and local authorities and they were moved to the garden at the medical centre. A plaque nearby names the rose and how it marks the centenary of the MU in 1976. We are informed that they should 'strike' easily and one could approach Horowhenua Council to obtain cuttings when the council prunes the roses at the end of the growing season. May 'she' bloom and grow for many years to come.

## The visit of the Worldwide President of Mothers' Union.

What a wonderful celebration the Wellington Diocesan AAW held on 16 October 2010 at the Wellington Cathedral of St Paul, to welcome to our diocese the Worldwide President of Mothers' Union, Rosemary Kempell.

The special Centenary Service marked the celebrations of the Mothers' Union branches of St Mark's, Basin Reserve, Wellington and St Stephen's, Marton.

This well-attended service started with an impressive banner parade by our various groups.

Our AAW Diocesan President, Janice Viles, and the MU Diocesan President, Perdita Bental, read the lessons, Rosemary Bent, MU Provincial President, read the gospel and the AAW Diocesan Chaplain, the Revd Dorothy Howard, led the prayers.

Rosemary Kempzell gave an interesting address outlining her involvement with Mothers' Union, beginning with her role as a treasurer with her local group and her family's subsequent involvement in Africa.

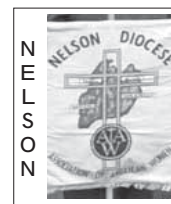


The lovely voices of St Mark's School Chapel Choir, directed by Glenda Ryman, added an extra dimension to our service. Once we had received our Holy Communion, this inspiring blessing concluded a wonderful Service:

*May God, who gave to all creation, bless us:  
May God, who became incarnate by an earthly mother, bless us:  
May God who broods as a mother over her children, bless us:  
May almighty God bless us, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
Now and forever. Amen.*

Following a shared lunch, Rosemary presented long-time membership badges and certificates, including one to Ida Roil, a member for 71 years. Rosemary then spoke about the Literacy Development Programme for women (MULDP), that the Mothers' Union is successfully implementing in Africa. The skills gained by these women are enriching their families and communities.

We all came away feeling uplifted and proud to be a member of this special fellowship of women.



## Diocese of Nelson

**Waimea Region** held their AGM at **Holy Trinity, Richmond** starting with Holy Communion taken by the Revd Susan Gill, who reminded us not to be too busy to remember the real meaning of Christmas, and everyone prayed for the people of the West Coast.

At the AGM, leader Ivy Price gave her last report and read a poem about being aware of others around us. Everyone then divided into groups to write, from memory, a carol which they then had to sing.

**Waimea Women's Fellowship** recently hosted Gillian Etherington's son and daughter-in-law who are missionaries in Papua with Pioneers International. Paul has been translating the Bible into the local Nggem language.

First he had to learn the language, write it down and write primers to teach the people. Pip has a medical ministry and has been training as a nurse to help with the many medical problems amongst the people.

They spend their time between Sentani on the coast where their four children went to an International School and Kobokma higher in the mountains.

Here they are the only 'white' people. There is no email- only a satellite phone, no roads - they fly in - and the currency is peanuts and watermelons so absolutely everything has to be taken in with them. At times they don't feel safe as the police force is corrupt and immoral.





*Marlborough Region Members - Shelia Allcutt, Audrey Chambers, Melva Neal and Joy Adams are commissioned as Marlborough Regional Representatives.*



**Marlborough's Regional Day** was held at **St Christopher's, Blenheim**. After Holy Communion celebrated by the Revd Miriam Taylor and Pam Holdgate, Nelson President Rosemary Mellsop spoke about "Mothers". Retiring leader Chris Cummins was thanked and Shelia Allcutt was elected leader.

A new tablecloth made to celebrate 40 years of AAW in New Zealand was blessed by the Revd Alan Cummins.

**The Cathedral AAW** went to the 'Grape Escape' for their Annual Lunch with their husbands. After lunch they enjoyed wandering around the lovely gardens and stroking the llamas that were fluttering their eyelashes over the fence.

Modjeska joined the Salvation Army, and Uniting Church ladies to co-host the Spring Festival. There was lots of good food, singing, prayer and fellowship, and they enjoyed worshipping together and praising God for his goodness and for the presence of new life.



## Diocese of Christchurch

**Emergency Fund Grant for Earthquake relief.** \$1000 was given by the NZ AAW Emergency Fund to our AAW President, Adrienne Robinson, for Earthquake relief in Canterbury. As many people are suffering trauma following the earthquake on 4 September and subsequent after-shocks – nearly 3000 to date – it was decided that the Petersgate Counselling Centre in Christchurch would be a worthwhile recipient. The Centre is on land owned by St Peter's Church in Upper Riccarton but is also supported by other local churches, together with "Friends of Petersgate".

Begun 14 years ago, Petersgate has become one of the largest counselling agencies in Christchurch, with presently 26 counsellors in the team, providing affordable and professional counselling to the community.

Normally, fifty clients are seen daily, but, since the earthquake this has risen by another 15 people a day.

Director Struan Duthie told Adrienne that the AAW Emergency

Fund grant will, where necessary, provide free counselling to those with earthquake related issues. He writes, "We appreciate your support of our work and will be sure to allocate the \$1000 towards our clients requiring counselling as a result of the earthquake."

**A visit to Hokitika AAW.** Six members of the Christchurch AAW Diocesan Committee, Louise Weller from the Church Army, and three sisters from the Community of the Sacred Name, travelled over the Alps to the Hokitika AGM on Monday, 8 November. The weather was beautiful and they were welcomed warmly by their hosts.



Louise Weller, who runs the Canterbury Kids' Coach, was the guest speaker and she is seen in the photo with two of her puppets. Louise, a gifted ventriloquist, held us all enthralled as she introduced us, through her puppets, to her work with children and families in the Rowley area of Christchurch. In fact her work is so important that the Christchurch City Council provides her with a grant.

**Overseas and Outreach** held their final meeting for the year on 12 October at Holy Trinity, Avonside. Sophia Sinclair, CMS Communications Officer, spoke about "Busting Myths About Mission".

**Social Concerns.** The last Diocesan meeting for the year was on 2 November, at St Faith's in New Brighton with Jolyon White from the Diocesan Office speaking about Social Justice and how we deal with it.

*Jan Deavoll*





## Diocese of Dunedin

AAW Groups from around Dunedin held an Area Day focussing on Social Concerns and Overseas & Outreach on Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> September 2010, in St John's Church, Roslyn. Jo Dodd introduced the Social Concerns part of the day. Our speaker was the Revd Michael Wallace, who gave us all a survey to fill in on "How big is my footprint on God's earth?"

This was followed by discussion on such topics as "What a mess the world is in", and "What we can do about it", then Jo showed us her "bucket" which gave us an insight into the Bokashi method of recycling our food scraps etc. The catch phrase for the morning was "May the peace of Jesus disturb us into action."

Following lunch Adrienne Rogers began the Overseas and Outreach part of the day, by introducing the Revd Mike Hawke. He talked about missions on the topic "How can we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?" The whole day was enjoyed by the 20+ people who attended.



**'Operation Christmas Child Boxes'** One of the most enjoyable ways which AAW members "do" mission is to fill boxes for children in the Pacific to receive in time for Christmas. Boxes from the South Island went to Papua New Guinea.



These boxes are distributed by 'Samaritan's Purse'. It is a fun way to fill a meeting slot, and is an amazing response to those who seldom if ever receive gifts in these poorer countries.

**North Otago.** On Saturday 8th May, St Luke's AAW entertained the older members of the parish at a luncheon.

Beginning with Holy Communion, 35 parishioners took part and enjoyed a lovely meal. Some guests came from local rest homes, others were still in their own homes, but a little less active than in former years.

It was the first opportunity for new Vicar Tim Hurd to meet many of the guests, and was certainly enjoyed by all who took part. Comment of the day was from one diner who noted a young helper with iPod and earphone attached: 'Isn't it sad to see hearing problems in one so young?'

**Southland.** At Holy Trinity, Invercargill, in September, leader Joan welcomed invited Anglicans and women from other denominations to their Festival celebrations. The speaker was Sister Judith Robinson, Dominican Nun, founder and maker of "Korimako" retreat, peace/prayer garden. Sister Judith gave a brilliant address and power point presentation on the history of the universe, its problems of declining species and pollution, and gave us guidelines for its care.

The October Meeting was our annual Friendship night for all parishioners, friends and family. Senior Sergeant Maggie Windle, of the Invercargill Police Department, who is also a trained nurse, spoke and gave a power point presentation of her six months of duty in Afghanistan. The collections at these meetings went to the local hospice, and to Bishop Victoria's Earthquake fund.

At All Saints, Lisa Monaghan spoke at their Meeting. Lisa represented Invercargill in the 2009 NZ Rose of Tralee contest which she won.

*Margaret Tripp*

## Circle going forward

We hope you like Circle's easier-to-read style. This issue is wholly printed as a 'self-cover' magazine, all just on one large sheet of matt art paper. This is a little less expensive - and also allows us to have more colour pages at no extra cost.

For those who save their copies, we suggest you keep them in an inexpensive A4 'clearfile' folder obtainable from Warehouse Stationery or other retailers.

Our plan for each time is to rotate the choice of theme and related articles around our Anglican Province. First up is Nelson.

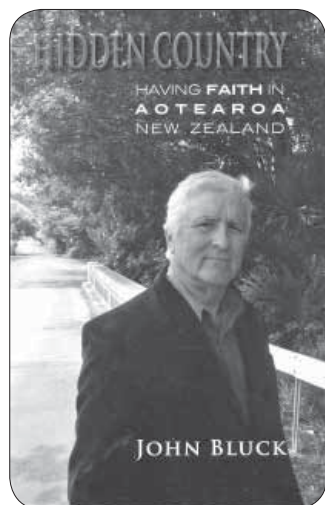
The back cover each time will feature the 'AAW Square' from the diocese concerned - while the front cover artwork will be one illustration of the overall theme.



## Book Review:

By Elizabeth Crawley

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### Hidden Country

The AAW is the powerhouse of our church. That's how John Bluck talked about us during his time as Bishop of Waiapu and before that as Dean of Christchurch. He was a great advocate for the AAW and how their support for his Year of Pilgrimage helped to make it a success.

All this is described in his new book. John explores how Anglicans have changed over the last 50 years in the way we understand and talk about our faith, and why we find fewer and fewer men in the pews on a Sunday.

He issues some challenges to the way we find our voice, our identity and our place to stand as

Christians in this country. Some of these challenges have been faced by AAW women, some of them are still in waiting.

The first half of the book traces John's journey from Nuhaka to Napier, Christchurch to Boston and New York, back home to Gisborne, Wellington, Auckland, then Geneva in Switzerland, back to Dunedin, Christchurch again and home to Waiapu.

An author of 12 books, a journalist, broadcaster, teacher, priest and bishop, John's ministry has spanned every region of the country. And he is quick to admit how his mother's and grandmother's involvement in the AAW and the Mothers' Union has shaped his pilgrimage.

This is a book for every Anglican who wonders about the future of our church in this country. It's anchored in the soil of Aotearoa New Zealand because John believes that being Christian and belonging here are all bound up together.

Half the proceeds of the book sales go back to the AAW. Think about it, especially if you have people in your family who might be still a little curious about spirituality and faith but find it hard to connect with our church any more. They will find John's way of talking about the future of Christianity in this country both optimistic and refreshing.

*Copies of this book may be obtained from Elizabeth Crawley 13 Moorhouse St, Taradale 4112. 06 844 6303. kevincrawley@xtra.co.nz \$35 with \$1.80 for postage. Please make cheques payable to AAW NZ.*

## Recipes from Waiapu

Selected by Dorothy Brooker



### The Dean's Husband's Easter Lamb

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| 1 boned loin of Lamb for rolling | Little salt         |
| Freshly ground pepper            | Fresh rosemary      |
| Half cup red wine                | 2 tbsp tomato puree |
1. Skin and trim lamb of excess fat
  2. Sprinkle inside with salt and pepper and add a little fresh rosemary.
  3. Roll up with a string and tie to secure. Roast at 180 degrees C for 20 or 30 minutes or until cooked
  4. Meanwhile reduce red wine, tomato puree and a sprig of rosemary until it is thickened.
  5. To serve – remove string from lamb and cut in round noisettes.
  6. Place attractively on a plate surrounded by red wine and rosemary sauce.

*NOTE: This recipe is the traditional fare at Easter lunch at the Deanery. It is a simple recipe which doesn't take much preparation time and is ideal for coming home after a magnificent Easter service in the Cathedral when the Dean is too exhausted to cook. Recommended by Stephen Jacobi.*

*From Cathedral Culinary Capers, compiled by Diane Hopson*

### Bishop's Brownie

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| 150G melted butter   | 1 1/3 cups flour | 2 cups sugar          |
| 1 tsp vanilla  | 3 tbsp cocoa     | 4 eggs lightly beaten |
| Half a chocolate bar broken up ( <i>but strongly recommended to add more</i> ) |                  |                       |

1. Mix dry ingredients. Add eggs and butter. Add water and vanilla to right consistency. Mix well together.
2. Pour into greased pan. Push in chocolate bar chunks and bake at 180 degrees C for 25 – 30 minutes.

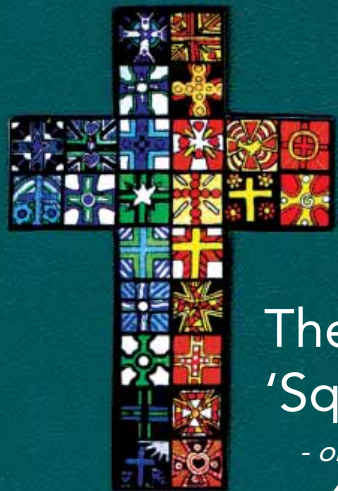
*NOTE: Keep an eye on the top and bottom so as not to burn. Eat 'em up. Great with ice cream on top. Tracey, the Bishop's wife, introduced him to this recipe in the first few years of their marriage and Bishop David is now the designated brownie chef. Great for Easter and also Christmas.*

### Ratatouille - an autumn dish

*New Zealand Style using marrow, and/or courgettes, onions and tomatoes*

Peel marrow, remove seeds, cut into 1 inch cubes, put into a non metal bowl and sprinkle with salt (1 tbsp). Leave to stand about 1 hour, drain off the excess liquid which would have formed. Chop onions and fry gently in oil for a few minutes, then add marrow etc and continue cooking. Add crushed garlic, salt and pepper and finally peeled tomatoes cut into large chunks. Cover and simmer all together till marrow is tender. Delicious with roast mutton, chicken or barbecued meat.





## The Waiapu 'Square'

*- on the Provincial  
AAW Banner.*

The yellow, red & orange represent the sun, bringing light, warmth & growth. The blue is the River of Waiapu, the name the Diocese carries. The greens are the coast & ranges of Waiapu which bring forth food for the body & soul symbolised in the broken bread. The purple is the Bishop's colour, the wine in the shared cup. The brown is the uniting pathway leading to the new growth of the koru. In the centre is the Anglican cross, attached to the sacred mountain Hikurangi, portraying the passion of Christ and Waiapu's history of Tangata Whenua and the partnership between Maori & Pakeha.

*Designed by Gail Spence  
and worked by Wendy Bennett.*

The Cross hangs in St John's Cathedral, Napier, being assembled from the 'Cathedral Kids' artwork.

