

Association of Anglican Women - Report 2022

After 2 years of disruptions for our group it has been wonderful to be able to meet together each month since March.

Our first meeting was a visit to Vaughan Park Retreat Centre, Long Bay for a small number of members. After this our meetings have been held at St Aidan's beginning with a short service in the church led by Rev'd Louise Anderson or Rev'd Kerry Davis or one of our members. We use the well-loved AAW Prayer Book for our services and are ably led in our music by Antoinette Pope playing the organ.

Speakers through the year have been Archbishop John Paterson who gave a homily relating to Easter, Sue Zimmerman and Judy Mata'ia from ATWC (History of ATWC), Rev'd Kerry Davis (Matariki). Ev McGowan (Changed Galleries of Auckland Museum, Tamaki Herenga Waka: Stories of Auckland), Graeme McDonald (Charles Upham VC and Bar, the man, his upbringing and early years), Brian Haggitt (History of Parnell Cricket Club).

Our financial membership totals 35. We remember Margaret Kerby, Mary Hills, Margaret Sinclair and Patricia Maud who all passed away during the year.

As a group we have collected pyjamas for ATWC, donated to Auckland City Mission and organized the flowers for the Memorial Cross on Anzac Day. The trading table, ably run by Terrie Hawley helps to raise funds that we then gift to ATWC and Auckland City Mission each December.

Your committee works well together contacting members each month, organising afternoon teas etc. This sharing of tasks helps to keep our group strong. Thank you to Penny Raybould who retires from the committee at this time. Thank you to those who remain on the Committee for another year.

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