

ASSOCIATION OF ANGLICAN WOMEN FELLOWSHIP GROUP

It is my pleasure to report on another year of wonderful fellowship with St Aidan's Association of Anglican Women. We have been able to meet regularly in the church and GA for our meetings with a wide variety of speakers and topics.

We finished 2022 with our Christmas themed afternoon beginning with a communion service in the church followed by a wonderful celebration afternoon tea and carol singing. Our first meeting in March 2023 was a "Show and Tell" with members bringing along treasures to share with the group.

Our speakers through the rest of the year have been Rev'd Anne Priestley, "A walk with Jesus in Holy Week", Terrena Griffiths, Project Manager of Chip Packet Project NZ, Josh Couch from Christian Broadcasting Association, Diane and Leti from Age Concern (Intergenerational Living Programme), Marie Taylor and Rosemary Atkins (celebrating 40 years of AAW Prayer Book), Michelle Brinsden (Eastern Bays Songbird Project).

Our most recent meeting in October was a high tea in aid of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. A very enjoyable afternoon enjoyed by all in attendance, which raised \$1,000 for the Breast Cancer Foundation.

Our financial membership totals 43 and we averaged around 30 at our meetings. We remember past members, Margaret Pellow and Heather Sands who passed away during the year.

I would like to thank all who have assisted in organising and leading us in our services in the church, especially the Rev'd Louise Anderson, Rev'd Kerry Davis, Rev'd Anne Priestley and Christine Kennedy. Also, our services would not be complete without having Antoinette Pope playing the organ for our hymn singing.

As a group we collected pyjamas for ATWC, organised flowers for the Memorial Cross on Anzac Day, donated financially to the Auckland City Mission, ATWC and the Chip Packet Project NZ. These funds are raised from the trading table, ably run by Terrie Hawley, and cash donations at certain meetings during the year.

The committee has worked very well together during the year phoning members monthly and organising the afternoon teas at meetings. The sharing of these tasks enables our group to remain strong and vibrant. I would especially like to thank Sue Williams for her tireless work as Treasurer. All the committee members are happy to remain for another year and I thank each one of you for your work and the support you give.

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