



ASSOCIATION OF ANGLICAN WOMEN

CHRISTCHURCH DIOCESE

2025

We have 16 groups currently meeting in the Diocese

Groups by Archdeaconry

South Canterbury	6	Pegasus	3
Irakehu	2	Selwyn Tawera	2
Mid Canterbury	1	North Canterbury	2

Many of our groups are small in number and the members getting on in years and moving into Retirement homes and we have been advised that some members do not drive anymore.

Raewyn Dawson (Immediate Past President) sent a letter out to all the Parishes who did not have an AAW earlier in the year to try and have more groups' setup and we have heard from two parishes hoping to set up a group this year.

Our goal this year for **Overseas and Outreach** is to raise enough money to equip and fill a container to help with Disaster Recovery in Vanua Levu, the northern larger island of Fiji. This is in collaboration with Anglican Missions and is New Zealand wide. Raewyn, NZAAW O&O Convenor, will speak on this project at the June meeting. Anne will also introduce herself as our newly elected Diocesan O&O Convenor.

Last Year our goal was to raise moneys for the Women and Children of Rwenzori, Uganda. This was very successful and over the country we raised over \$17,000.00, our Diocese raising over \$5,000.00.

Social Concerns—Our June 2025 **meeting our speaker is from Pillars Ka Pou Whakahou**, a charity that actively supports the family—especially Tamariki of people in prison.

Last year we had two excellent speakers, Reverend Chris Orczy, Inner City Missioner and Corinne Haines from the City Mission, both of whom spoke of the challenges of their work with the more disadvantaged of our community and their mental health issues.

This year we are taking one of our **Overseas and Outreach** and **Social Concerns** meetings to South Canterbury, to enable the members who live down there attend.

Our collections continue for **The Fellowship of the Least Coin (FLC)** this is a global ecumenical prayer movement for justice, peace and reconciliation led by

Christian women for women and girls all over the world.
<https://www.fellowshipoftheleastcoin.org/>

Our **Midyear Diocesan Fellowship** is in the planning stage and will be held in Rangiora.

Some of the Christchurch Diocesan Executive members have been heavily involved with developing the web page for NZAAW. It's looking great! Check it out <https://nzaaw.org.nz>

Our Mid Canterbury Diocesan Festival in Ashburton will be in May at St Stephens.

Our **AAW Festival Communion** this year will be at The Transitional Cathedral, and we hope to have it live streamed so everyone across the Diocese and beyond can join in.

Ellen Loader,
President