



WOMEN ON THE WAY

Over the last few months many of us have been looking at the story of Ruth and Naomi, as a way of continuing the conversations about women's ministry in the Presbyterian Church. It starts with an unusually sad scenario. Naomi, with her family have sought to escape the famine in their homeland. Her sons have married, her husband has died, then both sons have died leaving three sad women. Naomi is bitter and decides to return home. Her daughters-in-law, loyally prepare to travel with her. She gives her permission for them to stay behind and return to their families. One takes up the suggestion, but the other, Ruth stays with her. Back home in Bethlehem, life is tough. The only way to eek out a living is for Ruth to take up the lowly task of gleaning. Naomi advised Ruth regarding the protocol of her new situation and trusted her to follow through.

The outcome of the whole saga was more beautiful than the bitter Naomi could ever have dreamed of when she set out for home. Ruth found her husband, Naomi was cared for and their place in history was greater than their wildest dreams.

Are we willing to trust God with the future of our organisation?"



May we remind you that a Bible study designed for use in beginning conversations between the younger & older women about the future of women's mission and ministry in your church is available in from

Pamela Tankersley: tanks@paradise.net.nz

Pamela is keen to receive your feedback—you could bring it to the business meeting at St John's Wellington on 25th May.

If you have overlooked your registration for the Presbyterian Women, Aotearoa New Zealand business meeting at St John's Church, Wellington, please register urgently with

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ST MARGARET'S SILVERSTREAM, UPPER HUTT

Recently St. Margaret's held a 'Hat Sunday'. Remember the days when all the women and girls had to wear a hat to church? It was decided that men should not miss out, and no one would be offended if the men and boys kept their hats on in church, which they did. It was fun observing what people were wearing – large frilly items with plenty of decorations; small fascinators; one hat even sported a frog on top; wedding hats. The men too were inventive; caps; cowboy style hats; beanies; tam o shanter; fez. Everyone entered into the fun of the morning.

Those who didn't have a hat in their cupboard were given the opportunity to hire a hat for the morning at \$2.00 each, and if the men wore a women's hat, they would be sponsored at \$10.00 each. Two men took up the challenge! St. Margaret's is awaiting an Engineers report for earthquake strengthening, and the money raised will go into that fund. During the children's time, Rev. Lynn Russell, Minister at St. Margaret's, was presented with a pink Bishop's Mitre, and created Bishop of Silverstream & Pinehaven.

Hazel O'Brien



Diane & Bill

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP – KNOX WHAKATANE

Activities for the year are well underway, we recently celebrated a Harvest Thanksgiving Service and the foodstuffs, fruit and vegetables were shared between our local Women's Refuge, and Jezreel house – a support home for women in need.

We record with sadness the death of a long time member Betty Broome. Betty was a tower of strength in all aspects of our church life, and is sadly missed.

She was a foundation member of our Opportunity Shop, and she used her sewing skills to make over 1000 beautiful blankets for sale in the shop, and this has netted in excess of \$18,000 during our 22 years (thus far) of operation.

She is remembered with love.
M. Gurr



Betty Broome at her 80th birthday afternoon tea, 10 days before she died.



ASSOCIATE MISSIONARY, JUDITH JACKSON
In February, Miss Judith Jackson, youth worker in Taiwan had a brief home assignment during which she visited Presbyterian Women's groups which support her as well as other prayer groups. She has been on the mission field for 24 years. Now in her 50's she is still working effectively with Taiwanese students in high schools, universities and a local church. She is pictured with young Taiwanese leaders, Tina and Yvonne who have been leading groups without in her absence.

OPENING OF KNOX CHURCH, WAITARA

On the 16th Feb. I attended the Opening of Knox Church Waitara and brought greetings from Presbyterian Women Aotearoa NZ. In 2007 the Church Leadership identified that the existing church was inadequate for numbers attending and an earthquake risk. Plans were drawn up in 2009 with the estimated cost of 2.65m. Fundraising campaigns were set in motion and generous Grants, Gifts and Pledges were received.

The actual building started in 2011 and was completed this year. The church opens with a central foyer linking through to the main auditorium, church office, cafe/kitchen, function rooms and a gymnasium.

This functional Church with comprehensive lighting and heating can also be used by the Community for Concerts and School Productions. The Gymnasium will also be let out to all indoor sporting codes.

It is now a valuable asset for the Community and also a focus for worship. Moderator Ray Coster opened the building and the community all sang praises to God for this gift.

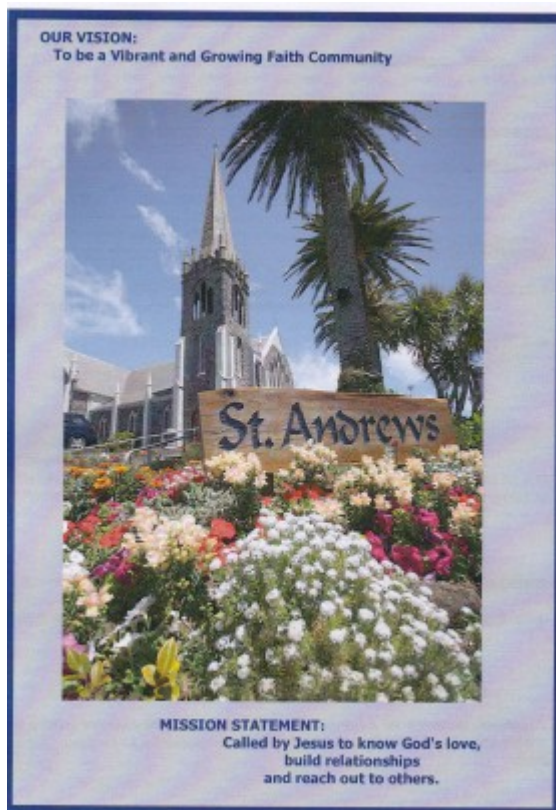
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April 26-28th St Andrews 150yrs Jubilee celebrations.

This started on Friday evening when we gathered to meet and greet and to look at the memorability, Photos, Icons, and dress of the clergy and choir in by gone days and objects of historical interest for all to see.

Saturday was an open day for the Community and Members to come and see the Floral displays and restored stained glass windows which is a glorious feature of this church. A rolling Concert started in the afternoon with various groups performing and was enjoyed by many visitors.



A celebration Dinner was held on Saturday night at the Devon Hotel Conference Centre, with 200 guests enjoying the atmosphere with the Guest Speaker Judge Gregory Ross from Palmerston North and a former Elder of this Church .

Sunday a Thanksgiving Service was held and Rev. K. Francis had a special message for the people of New Plymouth on Values from the Christian Faith, which is still incredibly important for a full and rich life today.

During the service a 150th Plaque was dedicated by chairman of the board of managers Mr P. Beechey. A Commemoration Plaque for APW was dedicated by President Joan Roberts, and a Painting of this Church done by Sir Michael Fowler was presented by the chairmen of committees Mr A Wilkinson.

Hymns through the years were remembered and enjoyed by all and one of these was sung in South African, Samoa and English to recognize the diversity within the congregation. A truly enjoyable and memorable weekend for all who attended.

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Special Project

Date alteration

Mission's departments
endeavours to bring project com-
pletion date back into line with the
financial year has failed, so the
cut off date in the project packs
and reiterated in the last
Gleanings no longer
applies.

The date, **15th September** which
appears on the remittance forms
is now correct.

Apologies to those who have
worked so hard to meet the
original deadline.



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