



Greetings as we continue to celebrate our year of jubilee.

Its good to hear of the celebrations which have already been held and the celebrations which are planned. May God bless you as you celebrate the past, and think towards the future. As we celebrate in comparative prosperity and safety, may we be mindful of those in disease affected and war torn countries, specially those in Gaza who we sought to help through our project two years ago. There will be two more issues of Gleanings this year. In mid October, we will bring out an issue with memories of the past 50 years, and the way we have celebrated our Jubilee year, then there will be Christmas issue, early in December.

Our new Special Project ***“Together we can”*** is to hand, so once more, its time to think beyond ourselves. Diabetes in New Zealand is an ever increasing problem, so the Diabetes, Youth NZ is timely, and the Neythal programme protecting the environment and livelihood of folk in Tamil Nadu, South India, deals with problems almost beyond our comprehension in our very protected lifestyle, here in New Zealand.

As we ponder the rights of these coastal people of South India, whose livelihood is in danger of being eroded by big business, may I draw your attention to the parable of the widow and the unjust judge in Luke 18:1-8. As we assist these people financially may we pray that they will be encouraged to speak out about the injustices which they are experiencing. May we also support our National Council of Women delegates as they seek to work for the good of women and children, particularly at the conference in Auckland from 10th –12th October. Just as the widow implored the judge for justice, we too must plead for justice.

May God bless you as you continue to serve Him, locally and globally with love,

*Rae*

#### **SPECIAL PROJECT**

Project material has been emailed to parish contacts. These can be printed off and you will have them in colour. If you need hard copy to be posted to you, contact :-

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Email [syjob@xtra.co.nz](mailto:syjob@xtra.co.nz): ph 067574520

Christian World Service is offering a power point presentation which may be ordered. Most hospitals will have a diabetes support person who may be able to speak about youth diabetes.

#### **Presbyterian Women Aotearoa New Zealand**

#### **Study Grant**

We are pleased to offer a grant to women in our church seeking Christian training in 2015 to help with course costs.

#### **DO YOU KNOW WOMEN SEEKING TRAINING?**

Application forms can be obtained from:  
Rev Shona Bettany, National Secretary  
P O Box 239, Levin 5540  
Ph: 06 367 2067

STATISTIC FORMS:- These were due by 31st August. Thank you for your cooperation.

If for any reason, any forms are overdue, please email them to [revsbettany@xtra.co.nz](mailto:revsbettany@xtra.co.nz) or post to Rev Shona Bettany, National Secretary, P O Box 239, Levin 5540

## Upcoming Celebrations:-

**Riverton Union Women's Fellowship** luncheon  
Monday, 13 October 2014.

Present and past members are welcome to attend.  
Contact Janice Templeton email [dwit@xtra.co.nz](mailto:dwit@xtra.co.nz)  
or ph 03 234992203 2349922

**Christchurch Presbyterian Women** will celebrate  
on 10 September 2014  
with a special luncheon at St James Presbyterian  
Church

### **Presbytery of Ashburton 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations.**

A service to give thanks and celebrate the life of the Presbytery of Ashburton will be held on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 10am at St Andrew's to be followed by a shared lunch. On Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 10am a plant is to be planted in the Ashburton Domain to mark the occasion. If you know anyone who served on Presbytery please tell them about these two occasions. Any questions then please contact Dellwyn Moylan ph 3086598.

**Ladies Day** On Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2014  
at The Sinclair Centre – St Andrew's Presbyterian Church  
Crn Havelock and Park Streets, Ashburton

10am cuppa:  
10.30am – 2.30pm the Programme

Ladies Days are enjoyed by all who attend and so we issue an invitation to all ladies of your church to join us for the day. We have three excellent speakers on new beginnings, a former Maternity Nurse, a Marriage Celebrant and someone who over come a major illness and was given a second chance at life. The day will include devotions with a free will offering for the work of Palliative Care, we have stalls offering a variety of goods and a delicious lunch.

As we know some ladies make an early start to join us for the day we offer a warm welcome and cuppa from 10am with the day's programme getting underway at 10.30am and concluding at 2.30pm so ladies can get on the road.

### **NCW REMITS.**

Please consider the remits which are in the June and August NCW circulars which have been distributed

Please email Shona your responses by **Saturday 20 September 2014.** This gives time to collate your responses & forward them to our reps attending NCW Conference.

The point of all this is:

so that every PWANZ group will have opportunity to consider these issues & feedback their comments to our reps who will be attending the NCW Conference. Our reps would like to hear from PW members & groups, in order to help them with their voting and so that they can represent the views of our women adequately.

It also helps keep you – the membership – aware of the women's issues being discussed at this year's NCW conference.

### **Jubilee Quilt**

We look forward to the finished Jubilee quilt which will be presented to the church at General Assembly.  
Many thanks in advance to Natalie Watkin and all the talented quilters who have contributed blocks for your enthusiasm & commitment to 'giving this a go'.  
Having it on permanent display at Hewitson / PCANZ Archives in Dunedin is a great idea. Somewhere it can be looked after, seen & enjoyed by many people.

**Please consider this woman**, and others like her, and their right to life and livelihood in Tamil Nadu, South India as you think towards our new special project.

Large scale industry and tourism are taking over the coastal land, lagoons and tributaries where they have lived for thousands of years. Industrialised fishing and climate change are affecting the quantities of fish and other sea life. Facing a loss of income, jobs and access to coastal waters on which they depend, like the widow in Luke 18, they are standing up for their rights to land, sea & livelihoods.

***Together we can !***



### A Psalm for Lynn

Lord, my constant pain devours me.  
I am fearful of losing my creativeness and  
I long to bring You glory with it.  
My physical strength fails me  
Despair snatches me from You  
My night times are long and I seek Your peace.  
My tears are like heavenly dew.  
People endeavour to comfort me with words.  
Sometimes too many words.  
But Lord, you bear my pain with me.  
You are no stranger to pain.  
Through pain your glory is revealed.  
You have shown me constant love & faithfulness.  
Your promise is that I am Yours for ever.  
You are my protector.  
All things that are good are part of Your story.  
Lord, Your ethos is that Your world return to how You  
created it and I will never lose sight of it.  
Your name I praise, Your wisdom is unfailing,  
Your promises You keep.  
I will praise Your name for ever and ever.

Marjorie Empson

Lynn was a creative person who often shared her gifts with St David's Night Owls. Marjorie stood alongside her in a beautiful relationship for 4-5 years as she struggled with illness. As her life ebbed away, Marjorie "tailor made" the psalm above, specially for her.

She passed away on 31st July. At her funeral, there were wonderful tributes paid and also for her 16 year old daughter, Jessica.

Lynn was invited by the Te Manawa Museum in Palmerston North to exhibit her artistic work four weeks before she passed away. It is still going to take place. Because so many of her achievements have been acknowledged by so many people,

Lynn's contact with the ladies of St David's, Palmerston North was through Jessica, an active member of the youth group. St Davids ladies, in 10 days made a prayer quilt, pictured below for Jessica who had her cancerous thyroid removed about 3 weeks before her mother passed away. Kaye Castell who blessed the quilt is at the back, right. Two ladies are actually tying the knot of their prayer into the quilt



### From St Paul's/St Mark's, Whanganui:-

Thanks to the wonderful support from the whole parish, St Paul's St Mark's PWANZ [A.P.W.] was able to distribute:-

- \$500 dollars to the national project.
- Locally we were able to support CASTLE-CLIFF FRIENDSHIP MEAL'S: \$500, this money was used to purchase food, and cooking implements. (The first year we gave them money, the workers were able to buy a new electric fry pan.)
- FAMILY WORKS: \$250 for running costs, As well as money we supported the group by making morning teas for course graduations.
- SUPERGRANS, we helped to run cooking classes, in basic meal preparation, by providing a venue, and money to buy ingredients.
- WOMEN'S REFUGE, received \$400 dollars to cover running costs.
- PINK RIBBON APPEAL was supported, with a donation of \$100.
- THE WAIORA GROUP, who worship at St Marks suffered a loss due to a fire we donated them \$200.
- At the end of the year we were very pleased to be able to give Christian World Service, \$200 dollars to go to THE PHILLIPINES TY-PHOON APPEAL.

Thanks to the wonderful contribution made by individual church members, in the Birthday Mission Appeal Envelopes, we were able to forward on to the head office \$1,040. [An amazing amount of money.] This was used for, "Global Mission" [No strings attached]. "Myanmar Rice Bowl Appeal." "Nursing School at Jagadhri. Global Mission, also used some of this money to establish, A Pastoral Mission, for seasonal workers and their families from Vanuatu who come to live in New Zealand.

**F**orgiveness is an ingredient of  
eternal love  
which God uses as an oil to keep  
mankind moving forward.

Marjorie Empson

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### PWANZ Website

[www.presbyterian.org.nz](http://www.presbyterian.org.nz)  
Click on 'National Ministries'  
Presbyterian Women

**Material for the  
Jubilee Special  
issue of Gleanings**  
Is due by Monday 29th September  
**And the December 2014  
issue of Gleanings**  
By Monday 17 November)  
To Rae Simpson  
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## TURAKINA NEWS

Some snippets from the school's April newsletter 2014 which is sent out to whanau, to keep them acquainted with what is going on at the school.

For term 1 Tumuaki Terehia Channings had leave to attend Waikato University in an endeavour to complete her Master's degree in Education. Terehia is now back in the school, thus relieving Kere Mihaere from his position as Relieving Tumuaki.

There has been quite a turnover of staff this year, and the latest recruit is Whaea Kate Matene, who has taken Whaea Judy Klue's position in the office. Kate will be working Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

The annual Gala Day in March was a great success, even though there was a very real threat of a storm. Over \$8000 was taken and with all expenses taken out there will be approximately \$6500 "to invest in our students". In discussion with the student council part of the funds will be allocated towards the purchase of performing uniforms for the National Kapahaka competition and to assist the student council to buy things for their dorms.

Wakaama: (outrigger canoes) Nationals. "We entered two teams into the nationals after completing the local Twilight competition in Whanganui which was hosted by the local club Te Rinqa Miti. This well organised competition allowed us to better prepare for the Nationals. With the expert guidance of Chamaine Matiaha we were successful in gaining a Bronze in the W12 mixed with Tauranga Boys and a Gold to Kohu Thomas in the J16 W1."

Hostel. "Term 1 in the hostel began on a positive note with the enrolment of 62 boarders. The year nine students settled into their new environment developing new found friendships, while senior students provided manaakitanga, support and guidance, in transitioning them into hostel life. Welcome back, girls, from the hostel team. Over the past term the girls have been involved in numerous activities and have shown a responsible and mature attitude to fulfilling their duties and obligations when in the community and when supporting other schools. Throughout this term, the girls have been cooperative, generally very motivated and of good spirit. Overall the day to day running of the hostel this term has been very successful as we have all worked collaboratively, staff and students, which has contributed to achieving a positive atmosphere for all."

And a PS to the newsletter -

"You may have heard that we have a new bus which was kindly donated by Mr William Wilkinson in acknowledgement to the great work that our students do in the community. He was aware of the problems we face in transporting our students to sports and other extra-curricular activities, and therefore felt if we had a bigger bus we could transport more students. ....A big thanks to the Wilkinson whanau."

Jan Thompson

### Kapa Haka in July

Readers may have read of a bus accident, where a group from Turakina were travelling to Gisborne for Kapa haka competitions in late July. The media reported several minor injuries, but Jan says there was only one real injury, and even that girl went on stage for the final performance at Kapa Haka! The girls are now all safely back at school.

