

Waiapu Cathedral, Napier

AGM 2023

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Cathedral AAW Fellowship



Leader's Report February 2022 - November 2022

It is my pleasure to present my Leader's Report for this year. To date we have 22 financial members and the average attendance at our meetings is 15. All our meetings have been held in the Cathedral Lounge except for our September Agape Dinner, which we had at All Saint's, Taradale.

Once again with Covid19 being amongst us for the early part of the year our meetings were cancelled for the first few months. When we were able to meet again comfortably, it was great to be able to meet in the Cathedral Lounge in the afternoons as voted on at our last AGM. As our programme for the year was interrupted with covid we had to improvise and were very lucky to use some of our own members and the congregation, to be our speakers. They were very interesting, and I am sure we learnt a lot about their vocations.

The Year's Programme:

- *February:* Unfortunately, this meeting had to be cancelled due to Covid. Later in the month the Committee for this year, was commissioned at the 10.00 am Service, by the Rev'd Canon Jenny Chambers.
- *March:* Again, we had to cancel, but the Cathedral held 'World Day of Prayer' which our fellowship organised and with the members of the other denominations in Napier were able to participate.
- *April:* Once again it was too soon to meet with quite a few members either having or been in contact with Covid.
- *May:* At last, we felt it was time to get together once again. We meet in the afternoon in the Cathedral Lounge for afternoon tea and some lovely fellowship.
- *June:* At this meeting we had Alison Thomson, talk to us about her journey as a Justice of the Peace. This was very enlightening, and many questions were asked.
- *July:* This month we asked one of our members, Jennifer Harris, to speak to us of what it is like to be a Celebrant. Once again this was most interesting and informative.
- *August:* We were privileged to have our new Dean Di join us and tell us a little about her life, and her ambitions for the Cathedral.

- *September:* This month's meeting was held in the evening at All Saint's in Taradale, where we once again celebrated with our 'Agape Meal'. The committee catered for this with Soups, rolls, slices, and fruit kebabs. Our guest this year were Deacon Assistant the Rev'd Sue Matthews, AAW Diocesan Chaplin Dorothy Brooker and AAW Diocesan President Cynthia Prince. Apologies were given from Dean Di Woods. At this meeting we lit candle to commemorate the Death of our Queen.
- *October:* Our speaker this month was Kay Morris-Matthews, a local Historian, who spoke to us about the history of the Napier Women's Rest War Memorial Rooms, and what is hoped to become of it in the near future. This was highlighted with power point pictures, which we were able to use the Large Television that had recently been donated to the Cathedral.
- *November:* This was our AGM. The Rev'd. Dorothy Brooker very kindly offered to take the Service, then chair the AGM. At this meeting there was a discussion on the future of AAW and especially our Cathedral Fellowship. Dorothy led this discussion, and it was clear that the meeting felt it was time that we disassociated our group from the NZAAW and form an independent fellowship with not as many strings attached. A motion was then put forward seconded and passed by all present to go ahead with this proposal. A Meeting to organise this to be held in the New Year.

Community Outreach: The Knit-In group now meets in the Cathedral on the last Saturday of the month and continues to produce many garments and along with others that have been donated, these have been blessed and presented for prems, and new-borns at the hospital, and to the Napier Family Centre for children in need. More Beanies were knitted and given to the St John Ambulances for small children, to help keep them warm.

Catering: This year we have catered for very few events. year, we have not had many events to cater for this year. We did a Morning Tea for the Diocesan Clergy after the service of Renewing their vowels prior to Easter. As we had earlier promised to help with the furbishing of the new kitchen in the Cathedral, we were asked if we could help with the purchase of a stove. This we happily voted on and gave the Kitchen fund \$600.00 for towards the purchase. It is now installed and being used.

General:

As I have now been your Leader for the past three years it is time for me to step down. I wish to thank you all for being so very supportive and especially to my hard-working committee, Judith Howlett (Treasurer), Sue John & Julie Burt-Andrews (Joint Secretary), Maureen Jane (Almoner), Marie Knight (O&O), & Sue John, once again as our Circle Convenor.

As another year is about to begin, I hope that we can all come to some conclusion on the outcome and future of our Group

Blessings.

Wendy Probert (Leader). 24th February 2023.

Archives Report

Archives Report for St John's Cathedral 2022/2023

We have had a progressive year sorting through photographs, naming and cataloging items into the Ark system to enable them to be easily found. 15 scrap books which were created over time, have also been cataloged so a computer search means we are able to locate items. There is still more to be done but until we are able to use the Bell tower area to progress further we are at a standstill.

All the Registers, which have also been cataloged have been moved into the large safe downstairs for safe keeping. These are easily accessed if copies of any of these are required for genealogy or other reasons.

During the year we have had many visitors seeking information about the Cathedral or needing copies of registers. One of requests was to access information about the rebuild of the cathedral after the earthquake. The scrap books were an amazing resource, and she has written a nonfiction story. This has been bound and put into the archives and can be accessed if anyone would like to read it.

Jillian King

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Cathedral Kids, Te WāhiAtua Godspace and the Waiapu Godly Play Hub

Nāu te rourou, nāku te rourou, ka ora ai te iwi. With the contribution of each, we prosper.

Cathedral Kids

It has been wonderful to welcome three new Families to the Cathedral on Sunday mornings this year, and for the young people from two of these Families along with children from visiting Families, to have engaged with Cathedral Kids. On the occasions when children and attend the 10am service and I am in the choir, I offer a time during the Gospel, sermon and prayers for fellowship, a story and discussion usually focused on the Gospel for the day, often with the some inspiration from Godly Play. This is not possible on the first Sunday of each month when I am a liturgist, so if you are interested in joining the Cathedral Kids team, please do let me know.

Waiapu Godly Play Hub

This continues to develop as further resources are created for our monthly sessions of Te WāhiAtua Godspace. The highlight with our Hub for 2022 has been interest in Godly Play from the team from Messy Church at St Matthew's in Hastings, including a presentation and discussion, followed by inclusion of Godly Play as a part of a Messy Church session. We have been invited to return in the coming year.

Te WāhiAtua: te tiaki tikanga

Godspace: nurturing spirituality

Monthly sessions are now well established and they remain a source of delight and challenge, and it has been wonderful to welcome three enthusiastic new young people (from two Families) to Te WāhiAtua. Each one has expressed the wish that we could meet weekly! It is a particular pleasure to have welcomed Canon Jenny to our team, and I especially appreciate the opportunities this offers for children and families to build relationships with a member of our clergy. I also deeply value the support we receive from Dean Di.

I would like to extend my thanks to our amazing team: Marie Davis, Julie Burt-Andrews, Sue John, Wendy Probert and Canon Jenny. We also really appreciate the proactive support we receive to promote Godspace from Rae Towers and Susan Wylie, and previously Amy and Steffi.

Looking forwards, as well as continuing to deepen into this engagement with young people, we will take steps to increase safety such as developing an enrolment form and updating our first aid training in the coming year. I would also like to work towards growing my understanding and practice further by engaging with a Godly Play training.

Thank you for your ongoing interest and support for this work that seeks to make a difference for the youngest members of our community.

I roto i te kotahitanga,
Janine Melville

Cathedral Music 2022

Annual Report

It has been another good year for the Cathedral Music Department, as we continue to support the liturgy with fine music.

The Cathedral choir continues to grow in numbers with a good increase in sopranos and altos to fill our front rows to capacity. The men continue as always in both quality and number, however, a few more tenors and basses would not go a miss!

During the year we heard Wendy Probert sing her last service as she retired from a fulltime commitment to the cathedral choir and a lifelong service to choral music. Our sincere thanks Wendy for all you offer.

Dean Di was the driving force behind the introduction of a scratch choir in January (2023) 'the St John's Singers' to fill the void left when the Cathedral choir were on holiday. Thanks to John Shadbolt for taking up the baton.

The YPC continue to support the music both at the Cathedral and Ormond chapel. Finn one of our YPC members is also the organist for the services at Ormond. It is so great to have him as we look to protect our future with such awesome talent. Great work Finn.

The reintroduction of a chorister training programme started in earnest this year which has proved a great success with our young people who want to gain the promotions as they learn new skills.

This also brought about 2 parents stepping up to be part of the training team for the YPC. Rebecca Renew and Wendy Campbell support the YPC's learning by carrying out tutorials. Our thanks to you both for sharing your skills with the young people.

The Cathedral Strings – led by Norma Smith - continue to be an asset to us. Their performances lift the soul and take our worship into another dimension.

Our volunteer organists, Alan Alexander and Kevin Bishop make our music team complete; accompanying and playing services, especially when I am not available or on holiday.

As a parish we are extremely lucky that the commitment of the members of the music department is so strong. We sometimes forget that they are all willing volunteers, with many of them being professional or semi-professional musicians.

The journey since Easter 2017 has been a rebuilding of the traditions of Cathedral Music. We continue to rebuild and refine this whilst embracing opportunities to make what we do relevant in this modern world. Michael Fletcher has been a part of this journey since the start and continues to be a great source of inspiration. He is always so willing to hop on a plane from Wellington to join us with his awesome organ playing and sharing the baton.

Finally, all our thanks must go to you the parishioners, Dean Di, Canon Jenny and the wider diocesan family for all your support and kindness. A huge smile and heartfelt message of thanks makes it all worthwhile.

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!

Anthony Tattersall – Director of Music

Communications Group

Report to the Annual General Meeting of Waiapu Cathedral, March 26, 2023

In the past year considerable progress has been made with improving communications from the Cathedral to the community. The Communications Committee talks regularly with the Dean and the administrator to ensure information flows well. Our four key communication mechanisms are:

Social media

- Live video recordings of our Sunday 10am and Evensong services are very efficiently managed by Graeme West via the Cathedral Facebook page. Special events such as the civic Memorial service for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II were also posted live.
- Posters, pictures and notices have also been regularly posted to our own page and to other local pages to publicise concerts, the Animal Blessing, bell-ringing, the Nuit Blanch light-show and other special events.
- It has been gratifying to see that the number of people following the Cathedral's Facebook page is now more than 800 and in the last month our posts reached 4500 people, with 1700 engagements. Importantly, between 100 - 200 people engage with our broadcast services.

Website

- Regular updates of news and events on the website each week ensure the site is fresh and relevant, and information is easier to find. These mostly reflect the service sheet notices, information on Facebook, plus some additional items where more detailed information is helpful.
- Service sheets are posted weekly for all services to assist people watching online or parishioners who have missed a service.
- More welcoming text and new photographs are being progressively added to the website and pages being reorganised for clarity.
- Note: Additional new photos of activities within the Cathedral are required so we would appreciate photo records of all activities (garden, social gatherings, etc). Note that we must be aware of privacy issues, so permission to publish must be obtained from people who feature in photographs.

Website viewing stats were installed in Feb. Results to March



Media coverage

- Media releases to local press have increased, raising our profile in the wider community. Examples included the animal blessing service and godwit bell peal, publicity for Memorial services and the Octavius concert and special Advent and Christmas services.
- A closer relationship with the Napier City Council communications team has been established, allowing us to directly liaise with NCC regarding important civic events, in particular.

Signage

- Low-cost signs listing our regular services and activities for children were installed inside the porch windows at both entrances. These signs will need to be replaced next year when the new diocese and cathedral logo, fonts and colour scheme become standard.
- We are hoping to replace the aged and worn pavement sign and flag used near the main entrance; again, this will be done when the new logo and style become standard, and when we have a budget allocation for this work.
- Similarly, once the Diocese offices on Hastings Street are completed and permanent signage for that building is agreed, we hope that similar signage showing the full name of the Cathedral will be erected on the wall above the staff carpark, facing Hastings Street.
- Some signage needs an immediate fix, namely the vinyl letters at each main entrance.

Logo

- We are able to make use of the designer who did the new diocese branding refresh to gain clearer branding imagery for the Cathedral. A briefing process is underway.

Rae Towers and Susan Wylie

11 March 2023

Cathedral Earthquake Strengthening Committee

REPORT TO AGM 2023

- The Cathedral Earthquake Strengthening Committee ('Committee') continued its work during 2022/2023 following the issuing of the final Detailed Seismic Assessment Report by WSP.
- The Committee worked through a process considering the engagement of professional communications and fundraising experts, and the establishment of a Project Management Team, at appropriate stages in the process going forward.
- In August 2022, MBIE issued new guidelines stating that "while a low %NBS rating indicates a heightened life safety risk in the event of an earthquake, it does not mean the building is imminently dangerous."
- Liz Read and Brenda Newth of Reputation Matters Limited, were engaged to assist with developing and executing a communications plan.
- Following consultation with Waiapu Board of Diocesan Trustees the decision was made to close the Bell Tower. On 12 December 2022 Bishop Andrew announced that the Bell Tower would be closed and staff operating within it would be relocated. This was the result of the report findings which showed the building's overall rating is 20% of New Build Standard ('NBS'), reflecting the low rating of the Bell Tower and the Nave (each 20%). The remaining parts of the Cathedral have been assessed at between 25% and 40% NBS, compared to 34% required by the Building Act.
- The closure of the Bell Tower is in addition to the precautionary health and safety measures to limit capacity in the Nave and restrict access to the Bell Tower following the first assessment in 2013.
- The Napier City Council has been provided with a copy of the WSP Detailed Seismic Assessment Report. As at the time of writing, no response has been received from Council.
- The Committee has approached Risk Engineer Dave Brunson of Kestrel Group to facilitate a risk review for the continued operation of the Cathedral while the Diocese considers strengthening options.
- I will be stepping down from the Committee at the AGM. I take this opportunity to thank Committee Members for their efforts and support. I wish the Committee every success as it navigates its way through challenging circumstances.

Kerryn Yule

Chair – Earthquake Strengthening Sub-Committee

17 March 2023

EJP Report 2022

Environment, Justice , Peace

The EJP Network met once every two months in 2022 after more than ten years in existence and set as its mission four of the five marks of Anglican Mission. However, the increasing difficulty of few people able to commit to leadership even under a shared system, meant that after a history of many worthwhile achievements, it was decided to bring the group to an end. The Network had been the setting among other forays, from which a solid ecumenical base grew, a thriving inter faith group developed into an entity of its own, funds were raised for a safety project for an East African university, meetings were held before local and national elections to listen to candidates and many submissions to both local and national bodies were presented, Special thanks go specifically to Jenny Baker for her huge commitment to the 'cause'. Jenny and Philip are soon to move north and are warmly wished well in their future. The Network has left extensive material which will be stored in the archives and would act as an excellent foundation for renewal at any time.

Sue John

March 2023

Events

– a report to the March 2023 AGM

Alongside the regular church services in our cathedral there have been a number of special events held this year which have encouraged a wider community of people to come into the building.

- **The most significant event** was the installation of the Very Reverend Dean Di Woods, in May. The cathedral was filled to overflowing with people from all walks of life and resounded with impressive traditional ceremony and joyous music from local musicians and the Navy's brass band. Celebratory glasses of bubbles were enjoyed at the end of this auspicious occasion.
- **Special Evensong services.** Two events were incorporated into the Evensong services held each month. In 2022 the April service was designated *A Prayer for Ukraine* and included a moving new choral anthem written by John Rutter in response to the war in that country. The local Ukraine community turned out in force, with flags and sunflowers. And then in June, appropriate readings and anthems were used to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of the reign of Queen Elizabeth II in another well-attended Evensong.
- **Community events.** Just before Easter the cathedral hosted its first Iftar meal for the local Moslem community. This idea arose from the Rev. Dorothy Brooker's ongoing involvement with that community. Traditional food was prepared by cathedral parishioners and enjoyed by all. Planning for the 2023 Iftar meal is underway and about 100 guests are expected. In July the cathedral held its 3rd annual Sing-in - when keen singers from near and far come together to sing great music. These events have been previously very well-attended; so it was disappointing that, with Covid once again widespread and masks obligatory, the number attending was smaller than hoped. However, feedback showed that those present loved singing under the direction of Anthony Tattersall and alongside members of our choir.
- **Two new events.** In September and October the cathedral held two events associated with the animal kingdom. These were the St Francis Animal Blessing, where some brave dogs and their owners gathered around the fountain on a rather rainy Sunday afternoon, and the ringing of the cathedral bells in October to mark the arrival of the Godwits in the Hawke's Bay after their amazing 12,000 km migration from Alaska. We hope that these will be annual events from now on.
- **Civic services.** A closer relationship with the Napier City Council has resulted in greater co-operation in planning important civic events. The period of mourning after the death of Queen Elizabeth II in June was notable for the use of our cathedral as a place for citizens to come and reflect on the late Queen's life and sign a Memorial book. The most significant civic service this year was the Napier civic Memorial service for the late Queen Elizabeth II on September 26th. Clergy and leaders from the city and the wider region came together with speakers from schools and other religious communities to pay tribute to the Queen's 70 years of remarkable service. Similarly, the civic Earthquake Memorial service held in February 2023 was notable for the presence of a few survivors of the 1931 quake. Speakers paid tribute to the courage and resilience of survivors, rescuers and those who rebuilt the city.
- **Concerts.** The cathedral is an excellent concert venue and this year, once the threat of Covid had declined, we hosted several excellent concerts. Hawke's Bay Orchestra and massed local

choirs performed Mahler's Second Symphony in October, Octavius Chamber Choir sang a beautiful concert in November, and Christmas spirits were raised by a concert given by our own Cathedral Strings in early December. You will all be aware that the arrival of Cyclone Gabrielle in February meant the sudden cancellation of the 2023 Art Deco festival. So, our own special services and the NZ Male Choir concert booked for the cathedral had to be abandoned. We can only hope and pray that next year the sun will shine and we can hear more music in performance in our lovely building.

Raewyn Towers & Susan Wylie
Vestry Communications team
16 March 2023

Flower Guild Report 2022/2023

Our 10 lovely ladies have continued to surprise and delight everyone with their expertise and imagination ensuring we have flowers to enjoy each Sunday.

We held two demonstrations by Bev Donham and Katharine Wollaby over the year which were welcomed by those who attended.

The first entailed ideas and very practical techniques to enable those who have had little experience with large arrangements to find a way to keep them stable and effective.

The second was based on inspiration for decorating your home for Christmas.

We welcome anyone who would like to join us and it is always a help if anyone can let us know if they have plant material suitable for us to use in the church.

Jillian King

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13th March 2023

Fundraising Report

Cathedral fundraising stalled somewhat after covid 19 forced the cancellation of our spring 2021 Garden Tour, with another bout of covid and the installation of our new Dean early in 2022 putting plans completely on hold. We did manage a lovely Christmas gingerbread house raffle, modelled on Ormond Chapel. A huge thank you to Dale and Susan for your great idea and baking skills!

Looking ahead to the next financial year and beyond, I would recommend a committee be formed of motivated fundraisers who can brainstorm and put together a schedule of fundraising for the next 12 to 24 months. Some ideas could include:

- A parish fair
- Resurrect the Garden Tour
- Raffles
- Auction
- Concert
- Host a food or fashion event
- Cottage lunches
- Art or flower exhibition
- Movie night
- Dinner evening
- Quiz night
- 40 Days of Lent fundraising challenge

Pip Brooker 16.3.23

Maintenance Committee Report 2023

Non-Routine Activities

- Earthquake Assessment - An earthquake strengthening committee has been formed and will be in a position to make recommendations in due course. David Brundston (subject matter expert) is being engaged to carry out a peer review of the committee's findings and recommendations to vestry.
- A huge project of work has been done to reline the internal gutterings, install external downpipes and spreaders, and railings to make it safe for work to be done on the tile roof. This cost approximately \$530,000. \$100,000 has been donated and \$50,000 paid. The rest, loaned from the WBDT, to be repaid at \$50,000 per year from our building maintenance fund.
- New heat pumps have been installed in the meeting room, choir room, and the offices.
- The morning tea kitchen has been refitted, including a stove donated by the AAW fellowship, and also a new water heater.
- Work, including signage, has been done to ensure we comply to all the basic fire and safety regulations.
- A list of smaller maintenance issues has been made which will be completed during this year though funds will need to be raised.
- Quotations for larger projects have been obtained but will be deferred until a decision has been made of the EQ work to the church, and until we can raise money to afford to do this work given that our annual maintenance allowance is committed to repaying the loan for the roof and guttering work.

Thanks to all committee members and Charlene's ongoing support

Steve Orme

Pastoral Care Report

The small Pastoral Care team have continued to offer support and prayer to those of our Parish who are restricted in some way due to age, illness or inability to come to Church. In times of restricted visits they have kept in contact by a telephone call and when able have visited.

The group meet each month to share any concerns and when appropriate some guidelines and training are offered. Any concerns are passed to the Clergy for follow up.

This is a rewarding ministry for those involved and it would be great to know of anybody who would like to join the team especially as some of our parishioners are becoming more frail. Home Communion is offered when appropriate.

It is helpful to be told if there are people who are not visited and who may require some Pastoral care.

The Rev. Dorothy Brooker

Spirituality Centre report

A place for spiritual direction; a place to meditate; a place for quiet days; a place for stillness and prayer.

2022 has been a strange year with Covid and the quiet days that were being offered for a number of reasons, mainly because of the Virus they didn't take place. However there were many opportunities to meet with individuals for prayer.

Each Wednesday following Midday prayer a time of reflection and meditation was offered with several people gathering not only in person but also wherever they lived, as far away as the United States and Australia. The feedback from these individuals was very positive with the offerings for mediation being prepared by different people for each week on a monthly roster.

Due to Erice having been asked to act as Chaplain for Hukarere School in 2022 and not being available it was decided that 2023 would be a time to reassess what could be offered. Wednesday midday prayer is still an option and to look at a monthly meditation a possibility. In the meantime, your prayers and thoughts please as we look at the future and what this may mean.

Dorothy Brooker tssf

Erice Fairbrother ohc

Wardens' Report for AGM 2023

- Again we have had a year coping with the different stages of Covid and the change in directions of how we cope with it. Although we have kept up the on-line services we are gradually having a rise in the number of folk actually attending Sunday services. We appreciate the work the Director of Music and the choir have put in to continue our musical services.
- The Parish and Diocese were pleased to welcome the Very Rev'd Di Woods as our Dean in mid- May. She came to us from Wellington where she was a Defence Force Padre. She is not new to Napier having been priest at All Saint's, Taradale.
- In June, Linda and Richard Harris were appointed as Dean's wardens with Linda having a voice on Vestry.
- The Deanery bought after the sale of Madeira Rd, lies within the All Saints Parish boundaries so it was felt we needed to purchase another building outside this location. The Diocesan office did the work on this project and a house in Corry Ave, Napier Hill was bought. With the drop in house prices, it was decided to rent out the Taradale house until prices rose again.
- Again, with heavy rain we had leaks in the Cathedral building which needed to be addressed. Some of the problem was blocked gutters and this required scaffolding at a huge cost in order for the work to be done. At the same time a safety "fence" was erected so workman could be work safely on the roof without the need for the expense of scaffolding.
- Our Administrator Amy Fleming resigned in early September and Steffi Tregenna replaced her. She finished just before Christmas and Charlene van Eeden took the position. We are pleased to have her on board.
- We continue to work with engineers WSP (previously Opus) on the seismic assessment of the Cathedral. We have the report requested and it is currently being reviewed. However, it required some immediate actions in response to some figures re the strength of the building in an earthquake. The Tower was immediately put out of use and signs are in all the appropriate places. It means the double glass doors near the organ are locked, as are the glass doors beside the pulpit and the access to the tower stairs. A lot of documents were shifted in a matter of a few hours by the Diocesan archivists, the People's Warden and Steve Orme, the Diocesan property person.
- We thank Susan Wylie and Dale Meredith for creating the shortbread Ormond Chapel and other delights as a fundraiser in December. \$1000 was raised.

Alison Thomson
Peoples' Warden

Linda and Richard Harris
Dean's Wardens