

Women Celebrating Our Faith was held on Saturday 9th September at All Saints A New Anglican Church New Lambton. It was a great day of fellowship and praise. Bishop Sonia was our guest for the day, which were all truly blessed by her presence.

There were 71 women from around our diocese. What a great witness the women made to our Lord through music and singing. Our Guest speaker for the morning session was Susan Ashley – Brown. Susan is a very talented musician and Music therapist, and has a private practice in Warner's Bay that offers music and art therapy.

Susan loves seeing music make a difference in people's lives, and shared with us the gift of music and how we can celebrate and sing with praise and thanksgiving through Dancing, movement, singing and praising our God. There was lots of chatter and singing and praising. Susan was assisted by the talented Donna McCann and Sarah Hardy.

Lunch was a great time of fellowship, meeting old and new friends.

The afternoon session was another guest speaker Dorothy Tom. Dorothy shared with us how leadership in music has allowed her to see amazing changes in the lives of people. Praising God releases God to do the work in the lives of His people. As we care and pray over the team, we are seeing God do amazing things in the lives of those around us.

We have seen healings, confidences being built, and an eagerness for God as their faith in God grows.

I would like to share the 7 Benefits of Praising God

- Praise lifts your spirit.
- Praise helps you sense God's presence.
- ♣ Praise enlarges your perception of God.
- Praise reveals solutions we can't see.
- ♣ Praise helps us remember God's blessing.
- Praise enlists God's protection.
- Praise breaks chains and opens doors

Praise God for a wonderful day spent in the presence of our Lord and Saviour.

Tentative date for WCOF 2024 is 7th September

Blessings Cheryl Cooper