

There is a window and an East Window panel to note today.

To the left: **The Baptistery Window**



Given in the memory of Francis Bertram Wilson, OBE (1870_1956) who received the order of the British Empire for the Services with the British Expeditionary Force in France on June 6, 1918, as part of the Birthday Honours to celebrate the birthday of George V. We also celebrate the window as witness to the hundreds of children baptised in the font given in memory Archbishop Thorneloe.

The Window itself features the children of the world as they receive Christ's blessing.

As we begin our journey to Christmas through Advent on November 30th, to the right from the East Window is **The Nativity** with Mary, Baby Jesus, two shepherds, and to the upper right is Joseph.



This is the 140th year of Jesus' love that called the hundreds of women in in St. Luke's WA/ACW. That love can be found throughout this Cathedral in our current and past members, and windows that cause us to look inward, up and out.

OUR STAINED GLASS ARTIST

As are all the windows, the windows noted above were created by **Artist Albert Angus Macdonald** (1909–1986) following the 1952 fire. Other commissions include Hamilton Hospital, CNE Hall of Fame Toronto, King Edward Hotel's Elizabethan Room Toronto, St. Jude's Church Oakville, and Canada House NYC.

Our artist was a recognized Canadian painter, muralist, and stained-glass artist. Born in Bristol, England, in 1909 to Canadian parents, he moved to Canada in 1911 and lived most of his life in or near Toronto, Ontario. He was an Associate of the Royal Canadian Academy of Arts and a member of the Ontario Society of Artists. **Artistic Style:** His work incorporated elements from Fauvism, Impressionism, Modernism, and Realism, and he exhibited frequently between 1932 and 1949. His work is still sold at auction today.

The Love of Christ Constrainseth
The Love Of Jesus Calls Us

 **Our Women**



Barbara Johnson Pat Sandie

In November 2025, we honour
Barbara Johnson and Pat Sandie
with the **Diocesan ACW**

Certificate of Recognition Rose Award
for their years of service as members of
St. Luke's ACW + St. Luke's Altar Guild



One Body in Christ



WA/ACW Membership Pin - Winchester Cross
21st Century - ACW insignia on Celtic Cross
***National pins sold by Diocese of Toronto ACW**
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 **Our Women** designed by Jim Halverson.



St. Luke's Anglican Church Women wish to thank our parishioners and friends who supported us so generously this past year. **Your support helps us to help others.** For those who enjoy picking up **Christmas baking** at our annual Christmas Sweetness sale, **Sunday, December 14th** is the day! Thank you to all those who supported our Harvest Luncheon. We are planning **another luncheon in February 2026.**



Our Altar Guild ensures our seasons are celebrated with great care every week. The Altar Guild likewise takes care of the preparations for **baptisms, weddings and funerals.** Pat and Barb have been devoted members for many years.



40 years ago, **St. Luke Juniors** celebrated the National WA/ACW 100 years with Winchester Cross shaped cake and banner.



April 1985



Mrs. Roberta Tilton

WA ACW

Mrs. Eva Allen + Diocesan WA President 1932 - 1952



Our 140-year-old WA/ACW Story

began in **1885 in Ottawa**, founded through the leadership of Mrs. Roberta Tilton. In 1887, the St. Luke's Cathedral Women's Auxiliary became a formal entity.

Mrs. Roberta Tilton founds the Women's Auxiliary of the Church of England in Canada 1885

In the **Toronto Public Library Archive** there is a copy of St. Luke's ACW 1909 cookbook *Culinary Landmarks, or Half-hours with Sault Ste. Marie Housewives*. As St. Luke's is the Diocese of Algoma's Mother Church, Cathedral women were pivotal in the growth of the WA in the city and the diocese. Hundreds of women were members of St. Luke's ACW groups.

In the 1990s, some of these groups, with names such as Marianne Nattress and Mary Martha, still functioned, if only to gather socially, or to attend corporate Holy Communion.

It is the **WA/ACW** who created, funded and fostered Junior and Girls' Auxiliaries over 100 years ago. The bonds for the ACW, JA and GA are often life-long.

WA Motto + The Love of Christ Constraineneth of the Anglican Church of Canada 1955

These astounding women of the Auxiliary across the country cooked countless meals, untold numbers of cookies and pies to fund church buildings, plus knitting endless mitts and socks. ALL to feed and clothe those in need and so much more always with Christ's teachings as their anchor and with the mission of helping those in need in their community, nationally and internationally. This high bar of social action for others was passed on to the JA and GA.

ACW Motto + The Love of Jesus - WA became ACW in 1967

To modernise in the last half of the 20th Century, they became the Anglican Church Women. Even earlier, *times they were a changin'* - Rita Allen became the first women to vote at a Diocesan Synod in 1944 as President of the Diocesan WA.

Many altar photos courtesy of John Cockburn.



Roberta Elizabeth Odell Tilton

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by Abby Mulvihill

Roberta Elizabeth Odell Tilton was born in 1837 and died in 1925.

She was born into a world in which women did not have the vote and were not legally persons.

Women could not have a bank account, and men ran the churches.

Although a Unitarian by birth, Roberta became an evangelical Anglican when she married John Tilton, who became a high-ranking federal civil servant in Ottawa.

Personally, there was sadness in her life. Her one adopted child did not live long.

She had a certain social position in Ottawa and used this as a stepping-stone to the advancement of women's roles in Canada as a whole.

In 1885 she co-founded the Women's Auxiliary (W.A.) — much later this became the Anglican Church Women — with the permission of (most of) the bishops of the Canadian Anglican Church.

She was involved with the Women's Christian Temperance Union, the Girls' Friendly Society, the Mothers' Union, the Orphans' Home of the City of Ottawa, as well as many other causes. She helped found the **National Council Women of Canada**. The W.A. was envisioned as a support for the Board of Foreign and Domestic Missions. **By the time of her death in 1925, the W.A. had 70,000 members and 3,000 branches.** [And most, if not all those branches, had Junior and Girls' Auxiliaries.]

