

Care of Creation Blog – April 2019.

With all the emphasis on love overcoming hate in relations between races and religions the matter which young people wanted to strike about last month was swamped in the media news. However, looking at world news, although many shootings and terrorist attacks have occurred, the lives lost and homes destroyed by climate change far exceed what human hate has caused. There is also the effect of human carelessness on living creatures on sea and land. We are learning more and more about God's Creation and being shown things we can do and things we should stop doing, but action is not being taken as fast as needed. The tendency is to try to work out how long we can put off making changes – quite the opposite of holy obedience, whether by Abraham or Saint Mary .

A Rocha Auckland continues its regular weeding and planting activities at Unsworth Heights and Oakley Creek, and some setting of baits to kill animals dangerous to bird life at Ark in the Park. It now shares in developing a wetland. These things can only be done at week ends and the second Saturday of each month is chosen – April 13 weeding at Unsworth, May 11 details to come, June 8 planting at Oakley. Start caring for living things and your life will change. Learn about the Arctic Tern.

Anglicans Climate Action Network aims to share information and encourage people to act in various ways towards reducing climate change. This means understanding the science and keeping up with the news on what can be done and what countries and companies and individuals are doing. For instance, today the radio news told of the money being spent by Mercury Energy on wind farms in the Palmerston North area, while overseas news was that the increasing demand for electricity in China was causing new coal mines to be opened. The Chinese are clever people. Some employ Lanzatech.

NZCIS tells of Prof. Justin L. Barrett to speak at Maclaurin Chapel, 7 pm, April 10th. He is Professor of Psychology at Fuller Theological Seminary's Graduate School of Psychology and he will ask whether you are disposed to believe or not believe, suggesting that belief can be compared to knowing a dance: the result of natural dispositions, environmental contingencies, and personal effort. That all sounds very academic, but I remember singing, "I am the Lord of the dance," said he' so there is something in it.

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