

Care of Creation Blog – May 2019

This month sees some serious work being done in our Auckland area, even if only by a small proportion of our people so far. Even Our Auckland is advertising a planting day in the Long Bay area

A Rocha Auckland meet at the Cityside Baptist Church 8 Mt Eden Road 5.30 pm on May 11 to discuss the subject “Why this planet matters to God”. The function includes a shared meal and visitors are welcome.

Anglican Climate Change Action Network (ACAN) leaders joined with a group of scientists at Footbridge, Bombay, on April 28th expecting a lot of people, but finding only a few on a wet afternoon. It was interesting to hear a scientist there tell of studying how plants produce material to defend themselves and then using that kind of material instead of harmful chemicals from the petroleum industry. It was observed that insecticides used locally had reduced the numbers of all insects, good and bad. In May there is a motion to be presented to St Johns College Trust Board New Initiatives Fund asking for funds to allow John Allen to present a teaching programme in the Season of Creation (September) on Climate Change mitigation.

NZChristians In Science has Brother Consolmeyer the Vatican Astronomer, speaking at 7.30pm at the Maclaurin Chapel on “Your God is Too Small”. This Blog comes out too late for you readers to attend this, but the very title shows us that telescopes and microscopes have altered our understanding. The world that God has made is much larger and more complicated than we used to think.

At Footbridge we learned from Rod Oram of groups in the business world studying what must and can be done in our country. He named Climate Leaders Coalition and Aotearoa Circle. Politicians can only move so far as we voters are able to understand and are willing to support them, but there are people who have access to a lot of information and must steer their organisations looking well ahead in their planning.

On a personal note I am wondering whether we can find someone younger to join our committee and help with this monthly blog as I can no longer stay long at evening meetings.

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