

Care of Creation – June 2020

Can you see that we are being shown as never before how a pandemic works and what we can do about it? In the time of people like Noah and Moses they were guided to use “clean animals” and so were protected from the sort of animal virus that occurs in animals. We are in a world where the light of understanding is given us, but in so many ways we do not listen. A pandemic forces some quick learning, brings out some great love and care, but does not prevent a lot of evil from continuing behind the scenes.

And what will we do afterwards? On 18 May Kristel of A Rocha NZ hosted a Zoom meeting to introduce Para Kore (Zero Waste) , pointing out that at Raglan, where she lives, the bay which has supplied food to locals since the 14th Century has been polluted by leachate from a land fill. A Canadian teacher from Hamilton told the group about teaching children, and through them families, how nothing is wasted in the natural world. What has lived is food for further life; the water and food from the local mountain grows into the bodies of local people and goes back to the soil when they die. If we design things well, the parts can be used for something else later.

It is hard to report on what our Auckland groups are doing when lockdown has affected everyone, but exploring the Internet shows plans for electric and hydrogen fuelled buses; ways to make biochar and charge it up with fertiliser and living microbes; and a multitude of things people find to do to create cleaner air and water and help less fortunate populations along the way.

NZCIS has scheduled some webinars. Professor Celia Deane-Drummond will be on air on 11 June at 7.30pm to discuss the topic ‘Are Animals Persons?’ To register, email Nicola at hoggard.n@gmail.com. Past podcasts can be found at <http://www.nzcis.org/resources/podcasts/>. Click on Events to be taken to past and upcoming webinars.

The collaborative group AARCC (Auckland Anglicans Response to Climate Change) plans to go on with its work for Synod and communicating its climate action message, meanwhile meeting bi-monthly by Zoom.

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