

## Care of Creation Blog – April 2021

Lockdowns have again made planners put off their meetings and major activities in our Diocese, although the Episcopal Team is now giving more attention to this part of our duty. Meanwhile Sustainability Fieldworker, Cathy Bi-Riley, has her people coming up with all sorts of projects.

A Rocha has joined forces with the Auckland Diocese to partner in the [Eco Church](#) initiative. They are partnering with [Para Kore](#), a Māori zero waste group, and will be offering demonstrations and seminars in different churches. Joining Eco Church is easy and requires only that a group in a church takes responsibility for taking the church on the eco journey and has the backing of the vicar and vestry. A number of Auckland churches are joining up, but Auckland is far behind Wellington and Christchurch at the moment. I am looking forward to the meeting on 22 May for Sustainability Champions and others in Auckland churches, to see how all these things fit together (see the notice below). Once again, an April blog has to look forward to a meeting in May, arranged for March but postponed due to lockdown.

The worldwide pandemic continues to give us sober reading and much food for thought. How can we reimagine our lives in times of worldwide pandemic? Is the pandemic a sign or consequence of human misuse of the earth? Can we listen to the lessons learned; eating less meat, and living more lightly on the earth. The pandemic exhausts us, but that too is a danger. We need to have renewed commitment to a new way of living, and renewed excitement about a different future.

From my point of view, the discussions in New Zealand Christians in Science are important. Online Conversations are coming up on Thursday evenings, and information can be found [here](#).

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Calling all Anglican Diocese of Auckland  
Sustainability Champions and Green Teams!

# SUSTAINABILITY CHAMPIONS WORKSHOP 2021

Featuring an interactive session on  
**Zero Waste Church**  
with A Rocha and Para Kore

9:30am - 5pm **Postponed - 22nd of May 2021**  
@ St George's Epsom

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