

Care of Creation Blog August 2017

Things are moving!

The world news tells us of a huge ice shelf breaking off from the Antarctic mainland, someone else works out how many thousands of tons of plastic people have made and how it is still out there somewhere. Stephen Hawking says we need to plan to go to Mars. In our own little corner of the world A Rocha has been looking at wetlands and Anglicans CAN has been drafting a motion for Synod, but no one has produced simple material for the ordinary parish or ministry unit group to read together and discuss – until NOW. Dr. Andrew Shepherd, writing for A Rocha Aotearoa New Zealand, with the support of TEARFUND, has produced a free booklet on CLIMATE CHANGE, the first of a series of five, each with four studies about serious science but in simple language with arguments to and fro, pictures, and questions to discuss. There is no shortage of Bible references. This is serious business, about a world God has made for us, and how we need to look after it. The title of the series is RICH LIVING, challenging us to remember that we enjoy a lifestyle including New Zealand's Cup, flights around the world, and computers in classrooms, all at the expense of pollution of land and sea and air, loss of life to many species and many people, and a doubtful future for our grandchildren unless we can rein in the use of fossil fuels and learn to live sustainably.

Last month I wrote about my offer to help Anglicans Climate Action Network to become more of a network by including someone from each ministry unit who could speak for this part of our Christian lives alongside what we teach about faith, child care, overseas mission, support to the needy and justice. Now there is some good free material for such volunteers to show people.

Please contact me at njimihunt@paradise.net.nz or text me on 021 618 905 if you could do this.

Jim Hunt, for Care of Creation Committee.