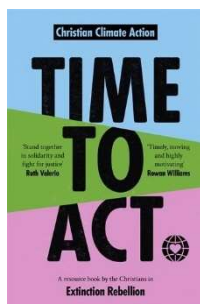


Climate change – we can all make a difference



Time to Act

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Time to Act maintains a sense of urgency throughout the essays, reflections and poems of its many contributors. Priests and pensioners, artists and adolescents, a Jesuit and a Rabbi share their frustrations at the inaction of business and political leaders in the face of serious climate change. Change that many of us will live to experience.

Through their stories we share in the action of the 2019 Extinction Rebellion protests. We are caught up in events such as singing *Amazing Grace* as the police move in to arrest protesters, sharing the Lord's Supper in Trafalgar Square, nursing mothers forming a road blockade. We learn how it feels to be arrested, imprisoned and to attend trial as a result of taking non-violent action. There is theological reflection centred on Jesus, Job and John's Revelation. Rabbi Jeffrey Newman (77), arrested whilst praying and blocking a road, emphasises the Jewish tradition of calling for social justice.

The book also offers some prayer and liturgical resources, advice on action which churches and individuals can take and even tells us how to declare a climate emergency. There is recognition that most of us wouldn't be prepared to glue ourselves to a bank or be arrested for occupying a bridge. Instead, we are called to do what we can whether that be through prayer, support or being present as a witness. Most importantly, there is a call for Christians to be engaged in taking action to safeguard God's creation. 'Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love.' *Hebrews 10:24(NLT)*

Anyone wishing to understand the protests of last year, or those wanting to become involved, should read this book. We should all be involved in trying to protect God's world and those with whom we share it.

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