

I want to quote three thoughts from other people which I have found helpful in thinking about our response to today's theme of Climate Change:

1. **Judy** ... when I asked her whether she thought Noah was an appropriate Bible reading she said – ***'It does show that God doesn't want the world destroyed.'***
2. **Ruth Valerio** <https://ruthvalerio.net/> ... who has become prominent in shaping Anglican thinking on the environmental crisis ... writer of the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book last year called: **'Saying Yes to Life'**

This quote is from an article considering how God the Spirit was both there at creation and has a major role in seeing creation's future perfection in Christ. She asks how this understanding should impact on our response. There is a pictorial link at least here with the dove that Noah sends out ...

'There are many wonderful things in this life that I deeply enjoy, and yet I am not comfortable here. I see the (climate change) headlines (of destruction) and I cry and rage and lament and grieve. I long for a different reality and know that I must faithfully, patiently work towards that (different) reality despite what I see around me. The Spirit's work in our lives enables us to do that; helping us to pray in our weakness, giving us hope for what we do not yet have, causing us to bear fruit in our characters and manifesting supernatural gifts. As we look towards the future, we know, as Paul says in 2 Corinthians 15:58 that our work in the Lord is not in vain. It may sometimes feel futile, but we have the promise that the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives will ensure that our efforts will, somehow, last into and show in the age to come.'

3. **Maya Angelou** African American poet, activist and teacher, a Christian:

'Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you know better, do better!'