

Time to Act! Time to Pray!

Over 20,000 people turned out for the recent 'Time to Act' march in London on March 7th. You can see some of the pictures and videos from the day [here](#) or visit www.timetoact2015.org to find out more.

Sr Jess & Sr Jill went on the march, and their reflections on the day are below:

We had got there early so we had somewhere to sit during the ecumenical service in St Mary le Strand. Others apparently weren't so lucky: they overflowed down the steps. It was good to start with prayer and a song, and the moment of inspiration from Scott Albrecht. He had once been part of the US military but now worked with destitute asylum seekers in the Catholic worker Farm, the light of the Gospel shone through him. I was impressed. We will all need courage to work for change and to face the threats of climate change, we were reminded.



It was a beautiful early spring day, the irony of it. We grabbed a sandwich before we moved off as a faith group to join the main march, banners everywhere, young and old...., and then a familiar habit, an Anglican Franciscan. "Hengrave sisters!" he exclaimed as he spotted some purple. Then in the distance another familiar face, yes, it was Clare Scott who had been a Hengrave community member some years ago. It was a joy to see her. That and the soft spring sunshine lifted our spirits. Something is moving, more and more people realise what threatens us. We walked in hope!

Sr Jess



I was very happy, and moved, on the day for the Climate Change March earlier this month. The instructions were to gather at the beautiful Church of St. Mary-le-Strand, close to the Temple Underground, where there was to be an Ecumenical Climate Service to start the day.

People were gathering all through the Service, until the church was full – of people and lots of inspirational banners.

The Service was run by Operation Noah, with a little band in front, and singers to lead the congregation. The Sermon was given by a man who converted from being a Jew to becoming a Christian and working for Operation Noah, ending up by becoming a Roman Catholic with a passionate support for Climate Change.

*After the Service we had many photos outside the Church with our marvellous banners before moving on to the Park where we gathered in Blocs according to different themes. Ours was **Religious of the Assumption**, and the words on our banner were **LOVE LIFE – THERE IS NO PLANET B.***

Sr Jill