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#### Publishing History

Bible study books with Scripture Union and CWR Numerous journal and magazine articles, including those published globally and nationally by A Rocha and Tearfund

#### Previous Titles

'L' is for Lifestyle (IVP, 2004, revised and updated 2019)

Just Living: Faith & Community in an Age of Consumerism (Hodder & Stoughton, 2017)

## Saying Yes to Life The Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book 2020

**Ruth Valerio**

#### Keynote

The Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book 2020

#### Description

*Saying Yes to Life* lifts our focus from every day (and perfectly natural) concerns to issues that are impacting millions of lives around the world. As people made in the image of God, we are entrusted to look after what God has made – to share in the joy and creativity of God in making a difference for good. Ruth Valerio imaginatively draws on the Days of Creation (Genesis 1 - 2.2) in relating themes of light, water, land, the seasons, other creatures, humankind, Sabbath rest and resurrection hope to matters of environmental, ethical and social concern.

Foundational to the book are what it means to be human and, in particular, to be a follower of Jesus during Lent. Voices from other continents are heard throughout, and each chapter ends with discussion questions, a prayer, and specially commissioned art to aid action and contemplation.

#### Sales Points

- Draws upon author's global and family experiences, her passion, convictions and theology
- Sharing in God's vision enables us to grow into the people God created us to be
- Features voices from around the world
- Practical, stirring and liberating, but never pushes people too far or appears weird and counter-cultural

#### Reviews

- **'[L' is for Lifestyle]** Ruth Valerio is a true pioneer . . . This book brings us all the benefit of her hard-won experience and applied faith, and will be an essential resource for all concerned to live the whole of their lives to God's glory and for the healing of his creation.' - Peter Harris, A Rocha
- 'Offers a challenge that none of us can ignore. Buy it, read it, and make a difference.' - Elaine Storkey, Theologian, author and social scientist
- **'[Just Living]** Thanks to Ruth Valerio we have a new resource to help us live better, more just, more beautiful lives.' - Shane Claiborne, author and activist
- 'Prophetic . . . an important book, as key as *Rich Christians in an Age of Hunger* was forty years ago.' - *The Reader*
- 'A book that is as inspiring as it is challenging.' - *Methodist Recorder*
- 'An enjoyable and informative read. [Ruth] cheerfully guides the reader through the different sections of the book in a down-to-earth kind of way, which is appealing.' - *Together Magazine*

#### Author Biography

Dr Ruth Valerio is Global Advocacy and Influencing Director at Tearfund. An environmentalist, theologian and social activist, she worked previously at A Rocha, UK. Ruth holds a doctorate from Kings College London, and honorary doctorates from the Universities of Winchester and Chichester. She enjoys living sustainably – practising what she preaches and inspiring others as she does so – on a housing estate in Chichester with her husband and two daughters.

#### Market

General Christian market, particularly Anglicans

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