

The nights are drawing in, the raincoat is a familiar sight and I'm thinking of looking out my woolly jumpers again. Where has the summer gone – in fact has it began? Weather the world over is changing and throwing things at us that we are not used to.



Luckily for us it does only mean finding our raincoats and jumpers out of season, for our brother and sisters in Christ throughout the world, it can have a much bigger impact. Climate change is real and it is here. Eco Congregation gives some simple ideas to help us make small changes in our homes and our churches, which can be found at:

<https://www.ecocongregationscotland.org/materials/ten-tips-for-saving-energy-in-your-church-and-home/>

“There is precious treasure and oil in the dwelling of the wise, But a foolish man swallows it up.” Pr 21:20.

We did have some wonderful celebrations during the summer, with Ross Addison's daughter, Kate, marrying Gabriel early in July. In August, we celebrated the 50th wedding anniversaries of Barbara and Barry Tatlock, Archie and Susan Clark and Hilary and Bob Pritchard. I believe a lot of more folk have celebrated 'big' anniversaries this year. I wish you all many congratulations. I feel quite young at 35 next month.

Iain and I were lucky enough to be invited to the 21 gun salute for the Queen's arrival in Edinburgh. A lovely afternoon, spent with other military chaplains and the Moderator of the Church of Scotland. This was to thank us for the work we do to support military chaplains.

My two week camp with the Army Cadet Force in Catterick was humbling and exhausting. Such a privilege to be a part of their journey. Another sign of climate change – the first week was too hot to do a lot and the second week the camp flooded!

I'm pleased to be able to welcome Revd Margaret Dineley to the team as our Non Stipendiary Minister (NSM). Margaret has already helped out during my absences in the summer, for which I am very grateful, and I look forward to working with her to serve God in this place.

Every blessing

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