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Dear Friends,

I hope you are enjoying the hot spells we experience occasionally, although many people I speak to much prefer the cooler temperatures and find it very hard to cope with warm and humid nights.

Summer is traditionally supposed to be a little quieter than other times of the year, but you would not believe that in the Andersen household. Although many regular church events are about to take a well-deserved break until September, there is still much to do, many opportunities to grasp and if possible run with, and always of course people in need, in hospital, at home, and those you meet who have lost a loved one and where the necessary funeral arrangements have to be made. Such duties never stop, nor should they, come sun, come rain, come anything in between.

As many of you will know, I am the current Chaplain for the Caldicot British Legion and that is a great privilege. God willing, I am now also about to become Chaplain for the Caldicot

Air Cadets. It just goes to show how desperate people can get, doesn't it? No, in all seriousness, I look forward to it very much, to interact with, talk and listen to the Cadets, and to the sterling volunteers who do so much good work for them and with them.

I believe life in all its variety is about grasping the nettle and tackle the opportunities God sends our way, as we are able and willing. My Margaret keeps reminding me that hard work never killed anyone, and as my late Dad used to say exactly the same thing, albeit in Danish, I just have to believe it, don't I? For me, the work I feel God calling me to do, even on a hot day, is the best of all and the most worthwhile, and those calls can come at any time and often unexpectedly, literally out of the blue. As did the e-mail from the Air Cadets. Have a great summer, wherever it takes you, on well-deserved breaks or into ventures unknown. And know God by your side in every step you take.

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Thought for
the weak



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