

No choice or decision is easy when it comes to how you will spend your working week. From the age of 16 to 34, I worked for Tesco. I started off on the tills and worked my way through management training, until I got the perfect job for me: Compliance Manager. I moved around stores, worked in different areas, but whilst I did this, I was battling a constant niggle that I should be working with the church. In 2004 I first embarked on the Enquiry Process and then trained to be a Reader in the Church of Scotland, and in 2007 I was 'set apart' and attached to a Youth Project. I had no intention of ever training for Full Time Ministry of Word and Sacrament, because that was boring, and you had to wear plain clothes and be perfect! It was all meetings, visiting the dying, and living a life that meant you should be in by 10pm!!! At least, so I thought.

In 2009, God in his inimitable way prompted me to think again, and I entered Assessment for Full Time Ministry. All the way through the selection process I kept thinking I would never be selected: I'm dyslexic, for a start and I also thought you had to be super brainy. But you don't have to be an A+ academic student to hear God's call. You don't have to wear high-necked jumpers, flat shoes and have grey hair. I found all I had to be was **me!** I support Celtic football club and enjoy going to matches. I read crime novels by James Patterson, and have never read 'War and Peace' for fear that the length of the book would bring on my death!! I have a faith, a passion for people and I heard a call. I took a leap of faith and God jumped right in with me.