



## ***Week Four - Light***

### ***Verses and thought for the week:***

#### **Genesis Chapter 1 verses 14 - 16**

And God said, "Let there be lights in the vault of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark sacred times, and days and years, and let them be lights in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth." And it was so. God made two great lights - the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars.

The website [www.climatesunday.org](http://www.climatesunday.org) provides these thoughts:

**Genesis 1 v16** tells us that God set the sun to govern the day. Each day, the sun gives us more energy than we can possibly need. The trouble is, we are using up our ancient, fossilised sunlight and using it up much faster than it was laid down. When we crack open the earth to release its stored energy, we also release its stored carbon, which we now know blankets the earth with its greenhouse effect, causing rising temperatures and all the associated global climate chaos.

I don't suppose the author of Genesis had this in mind at the time of writing. But a recurrent theme of the Bible is how God gives enough to his people, who will insist on taking more and suffering the consequences. How can we reduce our dependence on ancient, fossilised sunlight?

### ***Ideas and action:***

- In other words (from the above ) how can we reduce our energy consumption?!
- Switch your energy provider to a greener alternative. The church switched last year to Good Energy. Use a switch site to help you eg, [www.bigcleanswitch.org](http://www.bigcleanswitch.org)
- Reduce your energy in smaller ways eg, turn the heating down a few degrees, turn appliances off rather than leaving them on standby, dry clothes outside rather than in a tumble dryer and switch lights off when you leave the room. All of these will reduce your energy consumption and save your bills too!
- Clean up your travel. Cut your air miles or if you must fly consider offsetting your journey. Where practicable walk, cycle or use public transport. Why not try one journey this week (or more) NOT using your car eg, walk to school or church!
- FINALLY.... Look up [www.climatesunday.org](http://www.climatesunday.org) and come to Emmanuel's Climate Sunday services at 10am and 6.30pm on 24th October and don't forget about our Art Competition, for more details please click [here](#)
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