

My Testimony



I was sent to church as a child and I have many fond memories of Sunday School and being allowed to play in the vicar's garden with his children. As I grew up I rarely went to church except for Weddings Christenings and Funerals but I still considered myself a Christian. When I married my husband wasn't a practising Christian but both my sons were baptised.

Then my husband died, Simon the vicar of St Peter and St Paul's Church conducted the funeral Janet a lady from the church, who I now count as my best friend, came to see me and she took me to the bereavement service that the vicar holds every year for people who's loved ones have died. It was after this service I felt there had to be a life after and that this life could not be the end.

I began to go to church fairly regularly and I was made very welcome. Then Janet told me about the Alpha course being run by the vicar so I joined. As Janet was driving me home one night we were discussing the meeting which was about forgiveness, and I said I had a few things that I still felt guilty about and she said to me if you were truly sorry God forgives you. Suddenly I felt as if a great weight had been lifted of the top of my head and there was a brilliant light all around I truly think that the Holy Spirit had come to me. After the Alpha course I went on to be confirmed which I felt was the best day of my life, From then on I helped with things at the church when I could at the Church Saturday Market and where ever else I could.

Sadly my son died in tragic circumstances but I had my faith which helped me through and I was able to give to God the anger and resentment I felt to let him judge as he saw fit When the vicar asked Janet to invite people to form a prayer visiting team I was asked to take part with some other people. The idea being to visit a street in the parish and ask the people if they had anyone that they would like the people in church to pray for. I really enjoyed just knocking on peoples doors and chatting to them. When the vicar asked me if I would like to do the Evangelist training I thought about it for a while but everything seemed to be pointing me towards it. I really felt that this was what God was telling me I should do.

What God has done for me

God has given me an inner peace and joy. I feel he is very close to me not just when I pray or when I am alone even in a crowd he comes into my head and my heart like a special friend.

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