

## ANNE PURDON



We hear Anne Purdon's faith story as part of [#SpeakOut2016](#) with the Diocese of Truro.

"Well, here is my story, so far...

I was born above a stable, not in it! My family was steeped in church life: a grandfather who was a lay reader, a mother who was the organist, and a father who was the treasurer.

I lurched from one C of E establishment to another. At St Matthias College in Bristol, I followed Mum's advice to "find the Christian Union. Then, not getting a teaching job straight away, I worked in the gardens at Lee Abbey in North Devon (C of E conference centre). That was followed by a job in a C of E school in Houghton Regis in South Beds - full of London overspill and Eastern Europeans! After 2 years I got the job at St Martin's school in Liskeard, to run the Nursery, which I did for 25 years. I worshipped at the parish church, and even joined the choir.

Essentially a practical person, when I couldn't progress with church work, I moved 'sideways' and joined the Town Council, to do work for the local community. Doing this has brought me into contact with all types and strata of society, and an eclectic mix of people. Helping at the Salvation Army lunch club also means I meet more people -desirable and undesirable, but all of whom are God's children and deserve His love, (why does someone always turn up when the food has all gone, and I'm tired and ready to go home!?)

Daily Bible readings and constant prayer sustain me, and as I often say, be patient, God hasn't finished with me yet!"