

CHRIS HALLAM



Chris Hallam gives her faith story as part of [#SpeakOut2016](#) with the Diocese of Truro.

“Dear Lord - help me to write my testimony to your Glory for your unconditional love, Grace and Mercy, Forgiveness and faithfulness.

In my life - where do I begin - “In the beginning” - from this point in time, as I look back, although I didn’t know you or acknowledge you, I can see you have always been there, drawing me to yourself.

There was a Time when I thought I knew you and that I was a Christian. But one day - that special day, was the beginning for me! My fervent prayers, seeking, searching, reading scriptures, longing for the ‘abundant’ life that you promise to everyone. You came to me as I sat alone - two bright lights appeared - And then disappeared. The Bible tells us hundreds of times (read John) that “You are the light of the world” and you are, it is true, because I have seen ‘your light’. I didn’t move and then suddenly the burden which I had been carrying for years was miraculously lifted from my shoulders. The relief and joy I felt was overwhelming - I felt like a new person and from that moment on, my life changed. My life had a new beginning.

Since that never to be forgotten moment when Jesus came to me, when I saw His glorious light, I ‘knew’ that I was a Christian and that Jesus is my Lord and Saviour. I now know for myself, in my heart, that the Holy Spirit lives in me, teaching me the way, guiding and showing me the way. My journey has continued and will continue until I see him face to face in heaven, my destiny. Knowing that Jesus’s promise is “never to leave us or forsake us” (Deut. 31.6). Jesus is always there to help me in any need - what more can we ask for - blessings and favour pour out in abundance in answer to our prayers.

“I am a new Creation , No more in condemnation , Here in the Grace of God I stand, My heart is over-flowing, My love just keeps on growing, Here in the Grace of God I stand, And I will Praise you Lord, Yes, I will Praise you Lord and I will sing of all that you have done, A Joy that knows no limit a lightness in my Spirit , Here in the Grace of God I stand.”