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Enid Williams answers the question, “Why am I a Christian” as part of [#SpeakOut2016](#) with the Diocese of Truro.

“Why am I a Christian? Not because my parents believed in God and occasionally went to church. Not because I went to a Church of England Primary School. And certainly not because I grew up against a background of Handel’s Messiah and Stainer’s Crucifixion on the radiogram and my Dad thumping out hymns on our old piano.

True, I was learning the stories from the Bible like Noah’s Ark, the Good Samaritan, Feeding the Five Thousand, and Joseph’s coat of many colours (Technicolour Dream-coats hadn’t been invented then!) But that’s all they were: stories. And even if I thought of Jesus being born in Bethlehem, later put to death and then risen again, it was much like reading about Julius Caesar or William the Conqueror – someone who had lived, and consequently died, a long time ago and was therefore no longer around.

When I was 14 years old, something happened which changed all of that. Quite simply, I met Jesus. Turns out he’s still alive after all! Wow! Who’d have thought it?

I met him on the Thursday, and on the Friday I knew enough to ask him into my heart and my life, and that’s what happened. The rest of my sometimes rollercoaster, sometimes rowing boat life has been a partnership: Jesus ‘n’ me.

At 18, only by God’s Grace, I got a job with the Post Office in Bodmin. 39 years later, I discover God has other plans for me. I now have more time to commit to the Gospel Choir I love to sing in and at last I am able to join the Open the Book team. I am now helping to act out the same Bible stories to children in 3 local schools and praying that these dear children will come to realise that Jesus is more than just a character in a book. He is God’s Son, he is the Saviour of the World – and he is the best friend you could ever wish for. And that is why I am a Christian.”