

KATIE DIXON



Katie Dixon tells her faith story, as part of [#SpeakOut2016](#) with the Diocese of Truro.

"At age 16 I was invited by a friend from church to go on a Christian youth camp with an organisation, now known as Venturers. I thought 'why not?' and said yes immediately. So, off I went, totally unprepared to be challenged.

On the first night, as we gathered together, we heard one of the youth leaders speak, and it was made very clear that one was either a Christian or one wasn't, which was news to me as I thought I already was a Christian. After all, I grew up with Christian parents and I attended church regularly, so I thought I automatically qualified!

But I understood that I had to make a choice for myself; no-one else could do it for me. So began a week of questions and answers alongside the games, making friends and having a great time. I chose Jesus that week, and have never regretted my decision. To quote the first line of a hymn: what a friend we have in Jesus!

And one last thing. I have always been a worrier, but ultimately know that God has my yesterday, today and tomorrow in his hands. Jeremiah 29 v 11-12 has always been an assurance that if we turn to God and seek him, he has good plans for our lives:

'For I know the plans I have for you', declares the Lord. 'Plans to prosper you and not to harm you. Plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you.'