

LINDA CHANDLER



Linda Chandler adds her faith story to our collection as part of [#SpeakOut2016](#) with the Diocese of Truro.

“I did not come from a Christian home, and none of my family went to church. However, I joined the Brownies and the Girl Guides which belonged to a local church in Catford, south east London. I learnt about Jesus from the Church Parade and remember making an Easter Garden there and felt there was something right about it.

I had a really violent first marriage, so I moved back home with my three children to live with my mum and dad. I met Mick, who lived next door to my friend’s boyfriend. Mick was in the navy, and I found out that he went to the same junior school as me. We got married and went on to have two more children, before moving to Hayling Island, where we went to the local Church. This is where I felt God had sent us.

I got Christened and confirmed at the age of 33, and we moved to Cornwall in 1986. We joined St Martin’s Church, where we found great fellowship, great joy and faith in talking to Joan Harper, who sadly is no longer with us.

In one of our visits to New Wine, Jesus told me to “look after the children”. This brought me into fostering. When looking after so many babies and children, when cuddling them, I felt the feeling of Jesus’ love, and knew this is what he wanted me to do.

I believe that Jesus has had a strong hand in my life and I thank him and love him so.”