

LIZ PIPER



As we continue our Lent focus on [#SpeakOut2016](#) with the Diocese of Truro, we hear Liz Piper's faith story:

"Some years ago I was returning from a retreat weekend and driving back home I came to a familiar roundabout and thought, "I do not know which exit to take". No, not the one leading home, but on my faith journey.

I eventually took an exit which led to my training as a reader. This proved to be a very bumpy road with several potholes! But, how I love God's butts; he sustained me through the difficult and occasional painful experiences.

These served to teach me much, which have been useful to me as I can relate in some way to what others are feeling. One can never know how someone else is feeling, but you can begin to understand and be alongside. All experiences we encounter help us grow. This road has been a joy and delight since being licensed as a reader last century!! Still the odd pot hole!

I have the privilege of meeting and helping others on their journey. Passing on the knowledge God has given to me to encourage and equip.

I visit elder care homes and share with the residents a short service of communion, brought from a service in church, and then a time of praise. The joy we have singing old hymns is beyond words. Memories are stirred and stories of past years retold.

Another area I have been led into is coming alongside those who have been bereaved and then having the privilege of conducting the final service for their relatives. Meeting people at these painful times is a challenge, but their faith and courage has taught me much.

Looking back I am glad God took me along this road, challenging at times but serving to show just how he leads and guides."