

## MEG WARD



Meg Ward shares her faith story as part of [#SpeakOut2016](#) with the Diocese of Truro.

“My Christian faith has been influenced by many of the people I have met in my life. My parents were both strong Christians, and I grew up with their love of God and faith around me. My father was the organist and choirmaster in our local church. There were more people in the choir than the congregation and nobody my age, but I did enjoy sometimes being able to climb the spiral stairs to the organ loft and turn the pages for him and then spend the time during the long and boring sermons helping him sort out music before he had to dash back for the next hymn!

I went to a R.C convent where O level R.E was compulsory and went on to study this at A level and at college. Both the Reverent Mother at school and one of my tutors were amazing Christians and their influence is still with me today.

At times my faith has taken a back seat, as when busy bringing up young children, but I always felt that God was there helping me. In 2000 we sailed our homemade boat across the Atlantic (and back). I was completely out of my comfort zone and don't think I have ever prayed so much in my life. Some of the storms were terrifying, but there were many wonderful moments seeing the sun rise after a night watch and experiencing the wonderful wildlife.

In 2002 we retired to Cornwall. I joined St Martin's church and immediately was amazed by the warmth and friendliness here. There are many people here whose faith astounds me and I feel I am getting to know more about God and his love all the time.

The light of God surrounds me  
The love of God enfolds me  
The power of God protects me  
The presence of God watches over me  
Wherever I am, God is”