

SALLY WALKER-ROWE



We hear Sally Walker-Rowe's faith story, as part of [#SpeakOut2016](#) with the Diocese of Truro.

“When I was a child my parents weren't practicing Christians, but that changed when they moved to North Devon in my early adulthood. I remained in London and agnostic until I made a particularly bad choice of partner. I wanted to marry in church and I wanted it to mean something, not just be a pretty backdrop for my photos. I started to attend my local church, St Hilda's, regularly and I went to confirmation classes to learn more about Christianity. While I gradually found faith and a wonderful group of friends, I slowly realised how mistaken I was in my choice of husband. The breaking point came with his hand on my neck, pinning me to the floor because I wouldn't give him a tenner.

I felt lots of guilt over my divorce and worried what people would think, but my church leader and other friends were totally supportive and loving. Despite this I went through a rough patch romantically and secretly got mildly addicted to chat rooms on the Internet. Almost two years after my divorce I met Will (a great blessing) in a chat room!

I decided to undertake an English degree, which meant moving to my parents' and leaving my friends. My degree took me to Plymouth where Will and I started going to Emmanuel. We joined a Home Group (who became like family), married, and eventually (after some problems) had our son, Joshua (our miracle).

We moved to Liskeard over a year ago and sporadically attend St Martin's. #Speakout2016 has been a lovely way to get to know our new church family.

I thank God that He uses our mistakes (too) for His good. I love to debate and for me it is imperative to have a close fellowship with other Christians as we journey towards becoming more Christ-like.”