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Dr Tony Piper answers the question “Why am I a Christian?” as part of [#SpeakOut2016](#) with the Diocese of Truro.

“Why am I a Christian? Because my faith is too weak! Too weak to believe that all we can see or imagine in our universe, all the unexplainable episodes of love and intervention that I have experienced myself and observed in the lives of others, resulted from the chance behaviour of sub-atomic particles billions of years ago.

My faith in atheism is too weak to accept that. It just does not add up. There is an ultimate being (which we can know only in part) behind and responsible for everything. But we do know its nature – love, for everything and everybody. And we know that it relates to each and every one of us in a way that everyone, whatever his or her status, talents, or apparent virtue, can respond to. We know it, because it came as a person like us.

This ‘person like us’ is uniquely special. He is Jesus Christ, and he is the ‘way’ given to us to come to the ultimate being (who we call ‘God’ and Jesus calls ‘Our Father’) and to come to the fantastic existence waiting for us. The harder question for me is “How can I NOT be a Christian?”