

My Personal Journey

I believe we are all on a personal journey in our faith.

For me this year has been a continuation of where I am today, it all really started in January.

I had received as a gift for Christmas the new album by The Script off my brother. The first time I heard track 6 Flares, I got it.

The week before I was going away in March I had just got myself really stressed, somethings I had done were going wrong, there were several jobs workwise that only I could complete and with being on my own all day it was a 7 pm finish, followed by 5 am start to make sure Mum was ready for the ambulance for early dialysis session before we went away.

The week away gave me time to spend time with Mum, enjoy some long walks with the dogs and catch up on some rest.

The following weekend it had been Messy Church, I could not quite put my finger on it, had enjoyed being part of the event. Afterwards there had been the setting up for J Team for the following morning and sharing of ideas. J Team worked that morning because many of leaders put their talents, time and effort into helping out.

There followed more encouraging meetings and events; a joint BB/GB meeting at the end of March, although I did not say on the evening I was compelled to send an email. Various chats with different people I realised it's the sharing I had been missing out on.

The Church away day was significant in reinforcing my recent findings of the need to share with others, although I was not one of the brave to share myself but felt encouraged by those who did.

BB/GB camp arrived, it was something I had been looking forward too. It was brilliant, I thoroughly enjoyed it and to see all of them get on so well together. I even brought two things back from camp, to find music that inspires me and to use/share your talents, something I am still working on!

It really hit me being part of the children's and youth work is something I love doing. A weekend is not complete without any events. There is amazing support from all the leaders.

Being part of the team is hugely rewarding. Seeing our older teens grow through the years and take on responsibilities themselves; the younger children each with their own characteristics and energy.

Sunday – Pentecost, AGM, unplanned, surprised, overwhelmed, acceptance, calmness, reflection, thanksgiving.

(The very condensed version)

Those of you who attended the Church Away day may remember our task to write down in 60 words our life story. (I could be wrong with the number of words allowed!)

Christian background. Returned to Church at 23. Involved in Junior Church and Girls' Brigade. Real calling came after prayer over a decision to get involved in a new youth group. At this time I was baptised. I was out of my comfort zone but with God on my side anything could be accomplished.

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Next Issue

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