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Helen Hickman

I have been a believer in Christ since 1979. My trust in God through Jesus has grown stronger since then. I'm thankful that reading my bible daily, praying with others, meeting as church together, my faith continues. Knowing God's presence in these ways is truly encouraging and a great comfort that sustains me in the trials of life which, undoubtedly, visit us all.

I am forever grateful to the friend who told me what Jesus was doing in her life. As she read what the Bible said about God being our Father, I wanted to learn more about His great love for us. It changed my heart to read of Jesus' journey to the Cross. How could He do this for me? Jesus gave His life so we could live in freedom. I wanted to put my trust in Him. Going to church with my friend confirmed my new found faith and I wanted to share it with everyone! "We love because He first loved us". I John 4:19

As you're reading this, you may know someone who likes to share their trust in Jesus with you. I would encourage you to listen.

"Faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ". Romans 10:17

Jesus came into my life during the first lockdown in May 2020. I had started reading the Bible and was amazed to find that it's not a set of rules! Instead, it's full of stories of people who are broken, lonely, suffering, anxious or just lost. I could identify with the stories but was also comforted because the people were given a hope and a future in the shape of a person – Jesus Christ.

I grew up going to church regularly but reading the Bible showed me that God is a loving and approachable Father in heaven who wants to have a relationship with us and give us life in all its fullness (John 10:10). Being a Christian is completely different to what I thought it was – I had no idea that it's possible to live every day with such a feeling of freedom as well as the peace, love and joy that only Jesus can bring. Jesus really is the way, the truth and the life (John 14:6) and if you don't know him yet - can I encourage you to get to know him by reading the Bible.

Petra Auzinger



We are a group of local Christians, from a number of different churches in the area, who meet regularly to help keep our promenade, park and main streets free of litter. We meet so many kind people who thank us and encourage us in what we are doing.

It is not just about litter picking though; we have organised men's breakfasts, gospel breakfasts, and dinners, and also gospel concerts to be held at the Bexhill Bandstand near the war memorial.

We delight in being able to share our faith in Jesus with all those we meet, and are happy to pray for those in need, and to share time with those who need companionship and encouragement.

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"And so I tell you, keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened."

Luke 11:9-10

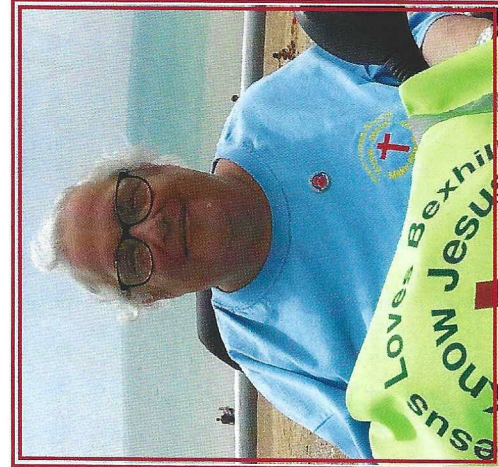
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Su J Szlafke

I have lived in Bexhill for roughly 30 years, in care work looking after the elderly.

When I was 12, I was given a Bible, and while reading Proverbs 3:6-7 "In everything you do, put God first, and he will direct you and crown your efforts with success. Don't be conceited, sure of your own wisdom. Instead, trust and reverence the Lord." this verse leapt out at me. The following Sunday the guest speaker at church, to my surprise, read the same verse, and that day I received Jesus as my Lord and Saviour. This made a profound difference to my life; I got baptized, and my journey began in seeking more of God, the Holy Spirit, and all that He had for me.

God has given me a love for meeting people of all cultures, and sharing the love of Jesus with anybody who will listen!! My litter picking adventures give me the opportunity to do just that, and although I am unable to march along the promenade, my mobility scooter allows me to do what I love best. If you see me out and about, please stop to say hello!

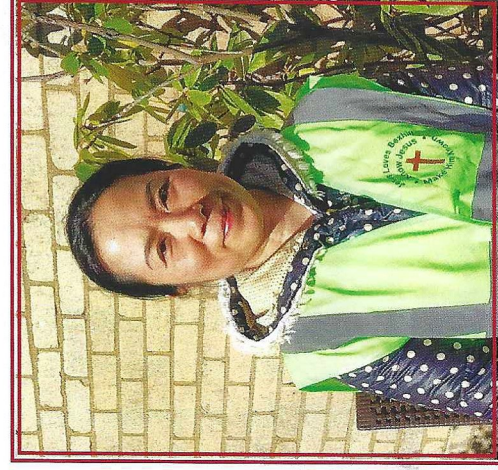
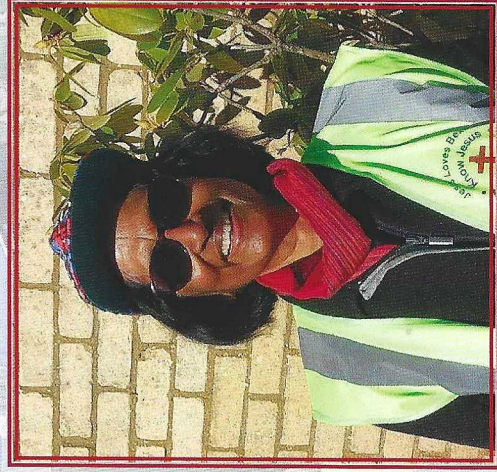
Does life have a purpose? I pondered as a 17-year-old. Having everything yet feeling empty and lost inside. I thought that life was a vicious cycle of misery: Miserable people getting married to each other, bringing miserable kids into a miserable world and the cycle goes on.

My family was going through crisis after crisis; conflict and confusion being the order of the day. There seemed to be no light at the end of the tunnel when one day my heavy-hearted mother went along to a 'Gospel and Healing Service' and hope began to rise in her.

As a rebellious teenager I was least interested, but one day by chance I went along and was arrested by the words of Jesus I heard. God knew everything about me and my dysfunctional family, He cared about us and was in the business of changing lives.

I invited Jesus to be my Lord and Saviour over four decades ago and my life has been an adventure - God journeying with me through the highs and lows, the rough and smooth, the ordinary every day and through the changing seasons of life. Jesus fills my life and is my reason for living!

Menaka Simpkins



Jane Alexander

I became a Christian in China in my twenties after a non-Christian German gave me a Bible, an American missionary gave me a scripture calendar, a British missionary prayed with me, and I read a book called "More Than a Carpenter" (by Josh McDowell).

I remember the time when I knelt by my bed, alone, and gave my life to Jesus. Over the next 30 years, whenever I wandered away from my faith, I would be sure to feel insecure, and joy would disappear from my life. Therefore, I don't want to go anywhere anymore but to stay close to Jesus!

Life here on earth is just a blink compared with the eternal life we'll have in heaven. The beautiful Bexhill still has litter, sickness, pain and tears. In our home in heaven, "He (God) will wipe every tear from their (our) eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain". (Revelation 21:5, the Bible)

For God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.
John 3:16

God loves the world, including people such as you and me. He wanted to save the world so much that He became part of the world in the form of a man -- Jesus Christ.

Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.
Acts 4:12

Jesus is the only way to salvation. There is no other way, no other condition, no other route, no other name. Jesus is the only way.

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