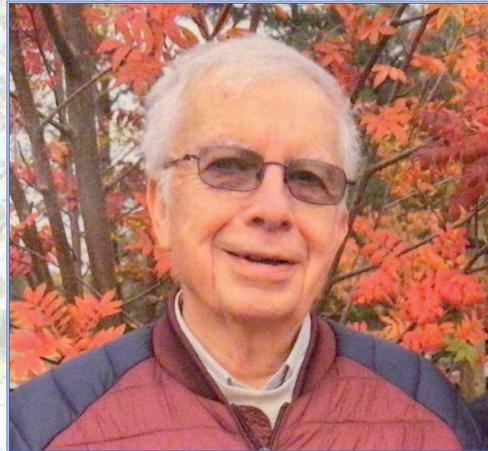


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Roger Wells

*I learned about God and Jesus at Sunday school but in my teenage years drifted away. Later I felt that I should not shut the door and went with a friend to another church, which was very different: they really cared for me and their lives were great examples of their faith. At one service there I understood the most important truth from the Bible "God so loved the world that he gave us his only Son and that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life" I believed from that moment on –indeed I ran down the street outside filled with joy.*

*Life of course has its ups and downs but for me has been enriched by God's clear answers to prayer and the amazing lives of Christians in countries where we have worked who commit everything to God despite poverty and persecution. God welcomes everyone into his Kingdom – teenagers, young mums, old folk, prisoners .....no one is refused. It's people that refuse to go in!*

*My wife and I came to Bexhill in April 2024 to be nearer children and grandchildren. We are enjoying meeting the people who live here. Perhaps we shall meet you sometime.*

*Sixty years ago, I had a life-changing experience in an attic bedroom in Sheffield, when I invited Jesus into my life to be my Lord and Saviour. He changed me forever! I viewed life through a totally different lens. I knew where I had come from, I knew why I was here and I knew my ultimate destination! Throughout our marriage God has guided my wife and I along life's journey. He has shown us how to live, where to live and what to do in all sorts of challenging and sometimes very painful circumstances. We have known his loving presence in the valleys as well as on the mountain tops. On occasion we have experienced his miraculous intervention.*

*He is always there, always faithful, always loving, always caring and for this we are truly grateful. When we walk along Bexhill sea front (it's always different isn't it?) we marvel at the wonder of creation and are truly thankful for all we have received at the hand of the Creator. You too can know him as Saviour and friend.*

Brian Betts



**W**e 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.

**I**t is not just litter picking, we have organised many events, and regularly hold curry meetings, some with a guest speaker.

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

**W**ord has also spread about what we do, and why we do it, which has encouraged a number of towns and villages to emulate our activities.

**T**o discover more about us please have a look at our web site [www.sidley.jesusloves.org.uk](http://www.sidley.jesusloves.org.uk), or just get in touch by email, we would love to hear from you.

"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



**Tony Purfield**

*Returning to Sidley from my travels, my elder brother gave me a book about Bible prophecies: those that had been fulfilled, and those yet to come – scary! I was shocked, and realised that I was on the wrong side of the fence and needed to do something about it.*

*I read the prayer at the end of the book, confessing that I was a sinner, and accepting the sacrifice of Jesus for all my wrongdoings. I said to God, “If you are there God please help me, I want to be with you”. Straight away I was aware of his presence and it felt like a heavy weight lifted off my shoulders. Soon after, I was given a Bible and it all made sense; I was having revelations about all sorts of things, the most amazing one being that he had forgiven me and met me where I was at, and didn't expect me to clean up my act first. He accepted me as I was and gave me amazing peace.*

*During my over 40-year relationship with God, I have experienced many answers to prayer and healing, and, through character-forming trials, his Agape (unconditional) love always sustains me and fills me with his love for others.*

*I have lived in Sidley for 14 years and I love the town and the seafront. I love walking along the seafront with the dog and chatting to people, telling them about the love of Jesus and what he has done for me, but also helping to keep Sidley free of litter. When I first moved to Sidley from Eastbourne, I had no faith, but it was when I went to Rivercamp, a Christian camp held in Worcestershire, in 2011, that I first knew how much God loves me.*

*The Father's heart is in me and I want to share his love with others. Last year I lost my dad through cancer, which was a difficult time, but God's love and peace got me through. I am a street pastor and a response pastor; our motto being 'caring, listening and helping', and that's what we do when we go out litter picking, being there to help others and to pray for them.*

**Deborah Brown**



**Terry Harvey**

*My life has had plenty of joy and despair but only in my later years have I realised that He has been there even when I turned away from Him.*

*My journey started in Belmont Road Baptist Church, Hemel Hempstead as a very shy Sunday School attendee. When we moved, somehow going to church stopped. Then life got in the way: career, marriage, children, divorce, and I strayed from Him.*

*Then 8 years ago, after a traumatic event in my life, Jesus spoke to me and guided me and brought me back to Him. In 2023 I was baptised as a testimony that Jesus had washed away all my sins and as I came out of the water, I felt renewed and Jesus entered my soul. I now have peace of mind, although memories of my despair return from time to time, I can move on and return the love and goodness Jesus demonstrated in his life.*

*Jesus Loves Sidley is a positive endorsement of His teachings of compassion caring and hope. If I could turn the clock back I would have continued my life with Jesus and been a better human being as only Jesus can show us the way.*

For God so loved the world 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.**

Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. John 14:6

**Jesus is the only way to salvation, there is no other way, no other condition, no other route. Jesus is the only way to everlasting life, joy and peace.**



We would very much like an opportunity to share our faith with you, so please get in touch, we would love to hear from you.