

A very warm welcome to Aldridge Parish Church for the Confirmation service. Tonight we are celebrating faith and commitment in Jesus Christ with people from Tynings Lane, St Thomas' and the Parish Church. Many thanks to *Bishop Clive* for being with us. We hope you enjoy worshipping this evening.

Please note that all the words of the service are on the screens.

Confirmation 2008 Candidates Testimonies

Andrew Blount: Because I trust and believe in God, I know God has always been with me. Although I have not always been the person I should have been. I have always considered myself to be a Christian, but now I know what one is, I was wrong. I believe I am now a Christian. I have never taken communion and I want to be part of the church family. I want to remember Jesus the sacrifice he made for us.

Carrie Blount: I believe in Jesus and I believe in God and although I know he has always been there for me, it is only now that I am investing more time in my relationship with God that I see his presence everyday in my life, guiding me and improving my relationship with others. This is my conscious decision to continue down this path and why Confirmation is important to me.

Matthew Bryant: This is the next step in my journey with Christ, and I feel I'm ready.

Savannah Cook: I always used to try and keep all of my problems to myself, then when I was on camp, I started sharing my problems with God, and it was fab. All my burdens went, and even though not all my prayers have been answered yet, I know my time will come. By being confirmed, I feel that this will show I am putting all my trust in God.

Phil Davis : Because I've only been a Christian for a short while and in that time God has made a profound impact in my life in what I do, the way I think and what I say. He has calmed an angry heart and mind. He has replaced the anger with love for him, other people and myself.

Zoë-Marie Davies : I was Christened in a Church of England church when I was a baby and now I feel I want confirm my faith to God, even though it's in my heart I want to do the ceremony side of things in front of the Church to show how proud I am to be a Christian.

Deborah Earl: Having completed the Alpha Course. I now belong to a Beta group and each week I feel excited about learning more of Jesus. My enthusiasm has grown hugely and I have surprised myself! I feel my journey has started and I want to commit to continuing on it.

Holly Evitt: I want to be confirmed because I want people to know I'm a Christian and what I believe is important to me.

Sophie Gough: I felt God's presence.

Hayley Grice: After the Alpha Away Day I had a true experience of the Holy Spirit and knew instantly I had to give my life to Christ

Michelle Hart: It will be the cement in the bricks, since joining Aldridge Parish Church.

Louise Humphreys: I want to share my love of Jesus with my church family and show that I am serious about my Christianity and in it for the long haul.

Steven Humphreys: To publicly declare my love for Christ.

Hannah Johnstone & Michael Johnstone: We were baptised as adults (Sutton Coldfield Baptist Church and Battle Baptist Church). However, we feel called to be part of The Church of England, and therefore want to be confirmed to honour the traditions of the Church to which the Lord has called us to be a part.

Zoë Marklew: I have been brought up in a Christian family, & went to church as a young child. However, my parents wanted my faith to be my own decision so chose for me not to be baptised. This year I went to several Christian events such as Soul Survivor, AYF Camp & Revival Fires, where I witnessed & experienced many miracles & healings. I feel that I have become closer to God, & that by getting baptised & confirmed & making my life for God public, my faith in Jesus will be able to continue to grow.

Tony Marks-Barber : After 44 years I've finally answered His knocking and welcomed Jesus Christ into my life, realising He has always been there watching over me. Every day is a wonderful celebration of Him working in me and I want to publicly announce my everlasting love and commitment to Him amongst friends and our church family.

Steven Pickersgill : I want to declare that I am a Christian. Being confirmed in front of friends and the congregation is an event that I hope will be with me in every thought from then on, helping me to follow Christ.

Adrian Pointing : I would like people from work to see how much God means to me, re-confirm my commitment to HIM and as I have only recently been attend APC I want to publicly show my commitment to Aldridge Parish Church.

Linda Pollard: To have an ongoing relationship with Jesus.

Charlotte Provost: I believe God has done some incredible things in my life and I'm beginning to understand the huge impact he will have on my future.

Nicola Wares: I have re-affirmed my faith over the last 2 years and therefore I want to signify this and make my commitment to God through my own voice.

Isaac Watson: I want to show that I am with God and He is calling me.

Sheleen Welborn: I want to show the people in my life, including God that I give my life to him and am choosing to be guided through life by his will.

Julie Wilkins: To commit to the church, Christ and to show the love of faith.

Stacey Wilkins: I have taken a step of faith and encountered the living Christ; I wish to outwardly confirm my love of God and hope to walk in the light of Christ. Whilst this is any ongoing internal objective outwardly I want to give my life back to God and ask that he take me to where ever he sees I can be of help in spreading his word and love.

Please join us after the service for refreshment