

Confirmation 2009 Candidates Testimonies

Bobby Ash: Getting closer to God and to show that I want to commit my life to him.

Clare Bayley: To re-confirm my faith as a Christian in front of family and church family. I feel it's the right time in my life.

Sue Bingham: I love the Lord and I want to commit the rest of my life to Him. For He is my rock and strength and I cannot imagine this life without Him in it.

Brian Blount: To reaffirm my faith and to show my full commitment towards God.

Rachael Breen: I feel it's a good time, I feel a lot closer to Christ.

David Chin: Although I was christened as a baby, I wasn't brought up in a Christian family and didn't regularly go to church. Then, last year I was encouraged to come to AYF by some close friends and made my commitment on camp 2009. I now want to be re-immersed and confirmed publicly to make my faith my own choice and to walk the rest of my life growing with God.

Perin Ghadially: A feeling I have had since a child.

Claire Daniel: I want to publicly reaffirm the vows I made at baptism by full immersion, on November 5th 2000. I would like to use this opportunity to share my testimony with my church family at APC, in the hope that it might encourage others and to give thanks to all those who love and support me and, first and foremost, to God for His grace and love for me.

Keelia Evans: Because I want to put God first in my life and to do my best to honour Him each day. He has had such an impact in my life recently and I am ready to take the step :) I see the Lord all around me and am eternally grateful to Him.

Karen Hardwick: I see confirmation as an public expression of my new found faith and marking a new beginning in my life after a very difficult past 12 months.

Grant Lawley: I feel it's the next step for me in following Jesus.

Dan Leng: To show everyone I am a Christian.

Jacob Marklew: I have felt very close to God but I would like others to know that I choose God.

Stuart Marsh: I wasn't brought up in a religious family, more like atheist, but I always sensed there was a deeper meaning to life and firmly believed there was 'more to it' than meets the eye. It took a span of 18 years and a handful of acquaintances and situations that convinced me to search for a truth I could believe in. Although not an overnight revelation, I feel I found the truth I have been looking for over the last 2 years through Aldridge Parish. I was baptised when 3 months old, but my confirmation and re-baptism this year cements my faith in Christ, and announces my commitment to my family and friends.

Emily Riley: I was baptised as a baby so have never chosen in public to follow God myself. I want to follow Him and promise to do so myself.

Jane Sambrook: I want to take that step to show the world I walk with Jesus.

Olivia Stanford: I made my commitment on camp and I want to be confirmed to show the church that I am a Christian and will follow God for the rest of my life.

Lucy Tillott: To confirm my promise to God.

Gary Wellborn: To show my longing to be closer to God and confirm my faith in him, and to use the experience as a way of helping me to make the changes I need to make in my life in order to become a better person.

Ivan Westley: I have found the road I want my life to follow. I am happy in my faith and I want it to grow. I think confirmation will give me strength to move forward.