



vices broadcast by her local parish during the Covid lockdowns

How I came back to faith was quite extraordinary really. I hadn't been looking to turn to faith or turn back to faith.

At the end of lockdown I had watched a couple of online services at the local church and they had organised a walk and I joined in a couple of these walks. It was just the local community and parishioners.

On the way back on one of the walks we stopped at a coffee shop and I ended up sitting with the Associate Vicar and we just got talking.

When I look back on it, I actually grilled her, I was asking how she came to faith and her story. She wasn't preaching, she was telling me all about how she came to faith and some of the work she does.

When I got up and walked away, I just felt as though something had turned in me and it was just totally unexpected.

I heard myself saying 'it has to be now' and then I said: 'But God, where do I go from here?' Then I heard myself singing 'take my life and let it be, always only always for thee.' When I got home I prayed, and I said 'God, I need to come forward and now is the time'.

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