

Sylvia: I was born and brought up in a church-going home and we attended the congregational church in Polegate. I remember we would learn a Bible verse each week at Sunday School and get a sticker to put in a book.

Even in the hard times we had during the war I was always aware that somebody was looking after us. He gave us strength as a family.

As a child I was baptised and later confirmed but there was a period when I didn't go to church. That changed when my daughter, Natalie, was born and we started going to St Richard's in Langney. During the 1970s we also went to Elim, where we met Robin and Ruth.

Recently I went on the Alpha course and it has been very significant for me. I am now even more aware of God's personal presence with me and I now turn to him at all times.

My baptism at Living Stones took place at Easter, a time I believe is more important than Christmas. Jesus gave so much for us as he died on the cross to save us from evil and then rose again from the dead.

I know there are times when I have done wrong and I need to be forgiven. I want to serve Jesus and not live for myself. At this time in my life he has given me responsibility to serve my family with all the challenges we are facing at the moment and also to serve at Community Wise as the housekeeper.

I still have my certificate of baptism when I was a child but being baptised by immersion at Easter 2011 meant I had made a commitment to Christ as an adult.

Since doing the Alpha course I have found God again. In the past two years we have had serious family illness and other problems. I now

know God is helping me through this and I thank him for that. I pray each night to God to get me through these difficult times.

Thank you God!