



## Summer Church Chimes special pull out



**Confirmation Candidates with Bishop Roger  
at All Saints' Church, Wrabness on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2019**

**Paul Brebner** who was confirmed along with 6 other candidates on 21st July at Wrabness Church writes: I was baptised as a baby; I went to Sunday school and I said my prayers at bed time. My parents taught me core Christian values and we always identified as C of E, but we weren't regular Church goers and we were not what you would call religious. As I grew up, I dipped in and out of the bible occasionally, praying

very occasionally, usually prayers asking for help in times of need. As I got older, less needy and more cynical, I turned my back on God and evolved into a sceptical atheist.

In May last year, I met Reverend Antony Wilson, during the past year we have become friends and he has literally re-introduced me to Jesus, then God and finally the Holy Spirit! He suggested I read *Encounters with Jesus* by Timothy Keller which I did, this book opened my mind to the reality of Jesus and the effect Jesus had on those people he met personally and the millions of people subsequently who never met him. I went on to read another book by Keller, *The Reason for God*, this book opened my eyes to why the Christian faith makes so much sense. It answered so many questions for me. During this time, I also started reading the Bible and I gradually became more involved with the Church.

In January I started the ALPHA course organised in Dedham and as part of that course really experienced the Holy Spirit. Becoming a follower of Jesus has changed me, Jesus has inspired me to be a better person. I am a better listener, more compassionate, more forgiving and tolerant, a better father and husband, healthier and happier. The amazing thing is that it is infectious, my family, friends and colleagues have noticed a change in me and as a result, I have seen a change in them!

I would like to quote from a great book I read this year which inspired me in many ways.

Andrew Klavan – The Great Good Thing *“Reality is the same for everyone, but your experience of reality is yours alone. You cannot know that experience fully by yourself, you cannot experience that experience fully by yourself. It must be reflected back to you by its source, its creator, and only his love*

*can reflect it back to you as it actually is. You cannot know the truth about the world until you know God loves you, because that is the truth about the world.”*

## Summer Reading ideas

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