

Testimony

Testimony. One of the most powerful assets in the Christians toolkit alongside prayer and studying the bible. On Saturday 22nd February at Mudeford Lane I had the privilege of hearing Rev David Hollingsworth's testimony, which I am sure many of you in the circuit will have heard parts of when he was a minister here some years ago.

Dividing the 66 chapters of the book of Isaiah into three sections David told those gathered his life story. Chapters 1-39 were entitled **Behave yourself or else**, Chapters 40-55 **Told you** and 56-66 **God loves you so all will be well**.

Spell bound and intrigued for two hours listening to David recount the ins and outs of his life made me realise that each of us has a story to tell. It may not be as dramatic as David's but if we have accepted Christ by faith through grace into our lives then we are called to share that with others.

One of the most moving testimonies I ever heard was from a shy lady who plucked up the courage to speak at a Local Arrangement. A quiet, gentle and thoughtful person, her path with Christ as her saviour had been a rocky one. But through the ups and downs of the journey so far, she has held onto God who in turn has held on to her and continues to do so.

Testimony. Always new ever changing. Daily living with Christ at the helm, the power of the Holy Spirit guiding thoughts words and deeds leading and willing us to sharing with those yet to walk the path with a saviour who loves all.

We have as an example in Jesus the best storyteller ever so as Joshua told the Israelites let us to be bold and strong and share our story with those we meet.

Rev David Hollingsworth, though he had permission to sit down a few years ago, immediately asked permission to stand up again and has actively been involved in several projects ever since. However, come this July when Rev Ros Hollingsworth also sits down they will be moving to a village near Gillingham in Dorset to begin the next chapter on their journey of faith.

A big thank you to the folk at Mudeford Lane for hosting the event and ensuring guests were well catered for with a delicious buffet. Over food those gathered had the opportunity to ask questions and discuss what they had heard. What an afternoon.

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