I come from a varied faith background. Raised Christian by my mother we attended a number of different denominations but I always found myself drawn to a more traditionally liturgical style.

It wasn’t until I studied theology at university that I became aware of Orthodoxy and over the next few years I found myself drifting towards Orthodox churches. After I left university and moved to London for work I struggled to find a church that I could call home but by the time I moved to Oxford in 2019 I had formally converted to Orthodoxy.

When I came here I visited both Marston Road and Canterbury Road and as soon as I walked into Holy Trinity and Annunciation I felt at home. The unique shape and style of our building feels like standing amongst the communion of the saints and our community is friendly and welcoming. Since arriving I’ve loved to be able to help and serve the church and I pray for the next 50 years.

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