

Medium's message has ring of truth

THE EDITOR'S E-MAIL INTERVIEW WITH A SERVING MEDIUM



Please give a very warm and welcoming "Hello" to Emma-Jane Ashley, who will be available for sittings at the Spiritualist Association of Great Britain (SAGB) from January.

Pictured on the left, Emma-Jane answers various points about her life and gift. She begins by answering the question, "Can you describe your first psychic experience?"

FROM the tender age of around five, I was always aware of Spirit about me.

I had one friend in particular called Todd. My parents would refer to him as my "imaginary friend."

Todd and I would do everything together. He always accompanied me on every car journey I took and we would amuse my family with intricate conversations.

Information as mundane as words such as "viaduct" would pop out of my mouth as we drove along much to the bewilderment of my father.

As I grew up, my communication with Todd dissipated, but my natural sensitivity remained and developed as I grew into my teenage years.

What psychic gifts do you have?

Predominantly, I am a Spiritualist medium and teacher who works with the three Cs - clairvoyance, clairaudience and clairsentience.

Additionally, I work as a psychic where I can connect with people's ener-

gies whereby I can identify events and situations pertaining to an individual's life.

Remote viewing is another skill I have enjoyed developing which I use in my spiritual and psychic work. I also have a fascination and skill for tarot and have studied many variations of its traditions.

My passion and personal focus remain with working and serving the spirit world with my own ongoing development in all areas of mediumship, spirituality and healing.

I know that you once worked for a £1.50 a minute psychic phone line. Isn't this a bit down-market for a Spiritualist medium?

With respect, surely all callers want is fortune-telling about their love lives, finance, should they move house or change jobs, etc.

I am extremely proud of the television work that I continue to do for Psychic Today, where I work alongside talented psychics and mediums. We are complemented by an amazing production team

and management structure.

There is no stigma attached to the way customers are charged at £1.50 per minute.

It is my belief that they get remarkably good value for money, as an evidential psychic and medium can charge up to £200.00 per hour for a private reading.

Obviously, there are Ofcom regulations which apply to any broadcast and these are stringently observed.

Every person's motivation for getting a reading or sitting is different, but don't we all need reassurance at some point in our lives?

As a psychic medium and spiritual counsellor, I know it is one of my strengths to put people at ease and guide them through any issues or problems they encounter.

Due to the TV regulations just mentioned, I do have to hold back on what I tell people, but that doesn't negate the evidence I am able to produce.

An example of this is a caller's mother who showed me a ring that had been misplaced. She described the ring in great detail and the sentimentality around it.

I was able to tell the caller exactly where the ring was and she retrieved it whilst we were on air. Things like this always make me smile when I think about them.

How did the opportunity to work at the Spiritualist Association of Great Britain come about?

I was very flattered to be approached by the SAGB, as to work for such an esteemed organisation is the highlight of my mediumship career so far.

I am relishing the opportunity to get started in 2017 and to work alongside the SAGB's spiritual leaders, mediums and teachers. I'm looking forward to regular sittings and demonstrations. *Where were you born and when?* Hampstead in London on March 4, 1973.

Where do you live now? Folkestone in Kent. *Were you raised as a Spiritualist?*

Not at all. I was raised as a Christian

What was your first encounter with Spiritualism?

Spiritualism has always featured in my adult life despite not being raised as one. I started off by attending courses and sitting in circles. By my mid-thirties, I was running circles and workshops at Ed monton Spiritualist Church, N London.

Over the years, I have had the opportunity to learn at incredible places such as the Arthur Findlay College and the College of Psychic Studies.

Are you a full-time medium or do you have another occupation?

I am a full-time medium, spiritual counsellor, teacher and psychic. I am lucky that my career and skills are so varied. No day is the same.

What jobs have you done in the past?

I was corporate-based until seven years ago when I left that industry to pursue my professional spiritual career.

How does your family regard your mediumship?

My family believe in me. They know that the spiritual path I follow matters to me and ultimately is the career I want to pursue.

Do you serve Spiritualist churches? If so, how many do you visit a month and in which parts of the country?

Schedule permitting, I visit Spiritualist churches as much as I can. I don't have a regular pattern of visiting particular churches, as my work commitments are very demanding.

However, I do attend platform evenings at churches and Edmonton Spiritualist Church will always have a special place in my heart.

From a medium's point of view, what makes a Spiritualist church really stand out?

A purity of heart will always bring people together, so a Spiritualist church is the perfect environment to create a wealth of love and good energy. This acts as a platform for the community to unite in receiving messages from those who have passed to the other side of life.

What is the most satisfying aspect about being a medium?

Soothing, healing and helping people, delivering an evidential message that changes an individual's whole perspective and demeanour, and watching someone's energy transform before my eyes because of a personal message I have channelled from Spirit.

What was the best day in your life . . . and the worst?

There are so many fabulous days it is very difficult to pinpoint one in particular as the most shiny and golden.

However, the news in October of passing my assessment and serving the SAGB as a working medium is certainly up there as one of the best days!

Without doubt, my worst day was aged 39 and discovering that my mother had passed away in quite sudden circumstances.

Similarly, what are your best and worst points?

My best points are that I am able to use various psychic and spiritual faculties and as such I hear, see, feel and channel. I have high levels of empathy, kindness and sensitivity.

My worst point is that I tend to speed up in a demonstration, reading or sitting as the evidence and information filters in very quickly. You might need a voice recorder!

What is your philosophy of life in no more than two or three sentences?

I believe in God, in Spirit and the afterlife. I also believe in goodness and kindness, and that there are lessons to be learned every day.

Do you have any hobbies or special interests away from the psychic scene?

I enjoy dancing, meditation, anything relating to drama and the theatre, and reading. I also enjoy furthering my personal spiritual development and business. As I live by the sea, I take full advantage of long walks.

How do you relax at the end of the day?

Good food, good company and music.

If you could invite six guests for a dinner party, "dead" or alive, who would they be and why?

My best friend Sam because of her ability to be funny, charismatic and entertaining, and my brother because the dynamic between them is theatrical. My mother because I miss her and her undeniable support and love.

Next would be Gordon Higginson for his wealth of spiritual understanding, knowledge and mediumistic abilities, Princess Diana, because she was an interesting, deep and beautiful soul, and Mozart for the obvious element of culture, talent and music.

What's your main ambition in life?

Like everyone else to be happy and fulfilled in all areas of my life; to be kind and forgiving, to serve the spirit world, to help others and follow a true Spiritualist path.

If rebirth occurs, what would you like to do next time?

I would like to think I could travel far and wide voyaging the seas or the sky.