

Beckenham had a ten bell peal but I felt more at home with the eight of BPC.

Is there any part of BPC that you feel has been neglected and should be improved upon?

I can't think of anything.

Is there any aspect within the Church which you feel has been neglected and should be improved on?

I don't know.

Is there any aspect within the C of E, which you feel, is particularly important?

I'm not sure. Over the years there have been many changes but I have found it easy to adapt and feel at ease with most aspects of worship.

Do you think that the Church should speak out on social issues or restrict it to spiritual matters only?

I do think that the Church should speak out on social issues and not restrict itself to spiritual matters.

Do you have a favourite prayer?

No.

Each person as he or she is at rest is worthwhile – they don't become worthwhile by all they do when not at rest. It's from that point that God will move in them, create afresh, change.

Rowan Williams,
Silence and Honey Cakes

Monthly Prayer Meeting

'Jesus sent his disciples out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal'

Luke 9:2.

While Jesus was on earth he didn't just preach he also healed. He used words and actions to demonstrate God's kingly rule. When Jesus sent his disciples out he instructed them not only to preach but to continue his healing work. So healing is a sign of the kingdom of God.

Jesus came to bring wholeness to people. Christian healing is the whole work of Christ in a person's body, mind and spirit; designed to bring that person to the wholeness that is God's will for us all. So we are not just thinking about physical healing but inner and emotional healing. Symptoms of the need for inner healing may include fear, anger, resentment, anxiety, unforgiveness and irrational beliefs. The past cannot be changed but the wounds of the past can be healed, so that we can live our lives differently.

Healing can be seen as a journey rather than as an event. It's the reconciling of relationships with God, with others, with ourselves and with the world and the society in which we live.

We are therefore setting up a monthly prayer meeting specifically to pray for healing within the world, the church and our community. It is also an opportunity to pray for one another.

The first meeting will be on: Thursday 6th May at 10am in the Children's Chapel.

Anyone is welcome to come. If you would like to find out more please contact Rev Alison Newman (0208 464 9532) or Rhoda