

About 19 years. Sarah and I were married at BPC in 1991. One of my first outings with BPC was to Greenbelt with Dick Johnson, Sarah and I went along as responsible adults – which was amusing as we were only 22 ourselves. It rained for two days solid and it was like camping in a mud bath (character building stuff)

**Do you have a specific role at BPC?**

I coordinate the men's group which is very enjoyable – see the key for events program (plug, plug!). I am also a helper with the junior Sunday school.

**Which other churches have worshipped at?**

I used to live in Hayes and attended Hayes Parish church which at the time Peter Thomas was incumbent vicar. I attended Sunday school there and even had a stab at life in the choir, for those who have heard me sing you will realise why this was very short lived!

**What were 'first impressions ' when you began attending BPC?**

Casting my mind back I recall a warm welcoming atmosphere with a wide ranging age group attending the church. While it is great to see all ages at church it is particularly good to see a healthy number of the younger age group coming through as part of the church community

**Is there any one aspect of the parish or worship do you particularly find attractive at BPC?**

The strong musical input to services and the traditional setting appeal to me.

**Is there any part of BPC that you feel could be seriously improved on?**

I have always felt it is a pity that there is not a uniformed contingent associated with BPC. By this I mean Scouts, Cubs, Brownies and Guides. Thomas and Jessica are members of Scouts and Brownies respectively in Orpington and

when we attend church parade service at St John's Orpington it is a great to see the extension into the community that these uniformed groups bring about.

**Is there an aspect within the Church of England, which you feel is particularly important?**

Within the Bromley Borough I think having the new C of E School is a major outreach for the Church of England in giving children a Christian setting for their education and at the same time giving those children who do not attend a church awareness of Christian values.

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

Yes. I don't see how the two can be separated. Also the church is an integral part in the community and as such I feel has a role to play in addressing social issues and with encouraging social and moral well being.

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

The Church needs to move forward with the needs of society and young people in order to keep in touch with everyday life.

**Do you have a favourite prayer?**

The Lord's Prayer – perhaps not very original but I think there is great timelessness in the words which relates to every day life.

**Read your Bible often  
- remember,  
after all, it stands  
for  
Basic Information  
Before Leaving Earth!**