

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

I like how the children/young people are involved. I also like the way that the sermons are varied because the people delivering them are different and have differing views/ideas & styles - all of which I love. Also the friendliness, which appears in abundance. The way that you can be involved as much or little as possible in events - it was nice for Kate & I to have been asked to participate in the Easter readings of "The Passion" having only been members for a short while.

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

I think it's probably a bit early for me to say as I am still relatively new. I'll let you know if I think of anything!

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

I think it's important that the church is in the 21st century & is accessible to everyone. It needs to shake off the image it has - recent events & bickering haven't helped unfortunately.

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

That's a tricky one because inevitably the two will cross over. I think the church has a long way to go before it is seen as apolitical - I'm not sure it can ever happen. I'm not against the church having an opinion on social issues - although I wonder if this is sometimes the main cause of bad press for the church. However if the church is to play a significant role in the community as it should, there is no doubt that it will have to speak out on social issues. I know I am sitting on the fence - big, tricky question!!!

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

I don't think there is much that is neglected at BPC - there is a good range of activities for people to get involved in i.e. Emmaus / house group / volunteering / children's activities etc. It is a tricky question given that my experience of other churches isn't that wide. From what I know of other church's BPC seem to have it well organised with something for everyone. There is one thing I thought - it is just an idea really - that it would be good for the new members to get involved in the likes of Emmaus groups etc but it would also be useful to mix in the same kind of environment with old timers (sorry long time members) as it would be interesting to have a different slant on things. I feel too new to be able to give accurate feedback - I think BPC is great so far.

URGENT**OUR ELDERLY PERSONS' LUNCH CLUB IS ON THE VERGE OF CLOSURE.**

After Christmas the lunch will have to close unless we can find someone to share the cooking with Margaret Writer. For some time now Margaret has borne the brunt of the work alone. She has borne it gladly and we should all be grateful for the sacrifices she has made in order to ensure the success of this particular bit of outreach. Margaret can no longer continue alone. Unless we find someone to share the load by Christmas the lunch club will close.

Could you help?