

The Key Questions.....

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How old are you?

Three score and ten next month!

Where do you live?

Barnet Drive, Bromley Common. Our home since returning from honeymoon 47 years ago.

Do other members of your family attend BPC?

Yes, my daughter Sarah Frankland, her husband Paul and Thomas and Jessica our adorable and beautiful grandchildren who were baptised and received their first communions at BPC. It is one of my greatest joys that we worship together.

What is your occupation?

Retired Speech and Language therapist – but I don't feel very retired yet!

Do you have any particular hobbies and interests?

Caravanning; gardening for therapy and quiet times; theatre; reading for information; local history especially our own area, heritage buildings and gardens. I enjoy embroidery and was pleased to be involved in the design and production of the millennium and Children's Chapel kneelers.

What are your musical tastes?

Classical mainly but I do find some modern classical music rather dreary. I prefer

music to calm me and more recently I have enjoyed "mood music" especially when it involves birdsong. Taize chants.

Which radio station do you listen to?

Classic FM especially when driving.

What are your favourite television programmes?

Programmes which compliment my interests, gardening (not makeovers) e.g. Year at Kew, Restoration Series, Wild Life, scenic countryside e.g. Coast, extreme weather and volcanoes which shape our planet. What a mess we human beings make of our planet allowing the non-believer to blame God.

Which famous living person would you like to meet and why?

Jean Vanier who founded the L'Arche communities, to support marginalised members of society by providing a home, work and self respect for those with disabilities. His books especially "The Broken Body" have had a profound influence on my spiritual journey.

How long have you been worshipping at BPC?

Since the late 1970s

Do you have a specific role at BPC?

Authorised Pastoral Assistant, which involves participating Home Communion, welcoming, Parish Toddlers, and leading the Pastoral Care Group. I regard the role as being that of an enabler & encourager rather than doing practically anything and everything. It is a privilege to be involved in the Pastoral care of the Church Family.

Which other churches have worshipped at?

I had an ecumenical upbringing as the Church where I was baptised was bombed in 1940. I attended the Baptist Sunday school nearby & the Methodist Guides. I eventually found Evensong at St. Mary's, Lewisham, where I was confirmed and married.