

was struck by the friendly treatment I received, people being kind and helpful for no reason at all – amazing. At the time I was going through a few things and it really helped. I won't say it was all plain sailing but it was a place where I felt able to take comfort.

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

The people – so many genuinely kind, loving people in the same place – amazing! It is also a calm haven in a very hectic world; I just love being there.

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

Only on the area it is already working on – outreach. I just want as many people as possible to benefit as I have.

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

I haven't really thought of that before I suppose I think of the church as an opportunity to show love, that probably sounds really naff, I'll get "me" coat!

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

Well, if it did restrict itself to spiritual matters it wouldn't be doing what the Bible/God wants us to do. Just ask James (Book of) or Jesus for that matter. They were always trying to help in a physical as well as spiritual way. I think you can't really have one without the other and be effective.

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

Again I haven't really thought about this but I suppose it's the "Going out as a candle into the world." The church is a

community, which needs to be vigilant in this area.

Do you have a favourite prayer?

I like the Lord's Prayer. It is comforting in its familiarity with my limited previous church background. I also like the sung responses. I like singing and they feel very spiritual.

The Peace of God

When war did cease upon the earth,
The stars looked out, the heavens rang,
The small Lord Jesus came to birth,
A lilt of peace his Mother sang.

A lilt of peace 'mid snow-clad sheen,
Goodness-peace, forgiveness of sin,
Confession-peace, penitent-clean,
Peace with God and the peace within.

Peace with God and goodwill to men,
The peace of triumph on the Tree,
The rising peace that followed then,
The peace of God for you and me.

The peace of God, lake-waters by,
The peace of God, mist o'er the sea,
The peace of God, ascending high,
The peace of God, unceasingly.

From Poems of the Western Highlanders

