

**Which other churches have worshipped at?**

St Barnabus', Middlesborough,  
 St Mary's, Ockham, Middlesborough,  
 St Cuthbert's, Marton, Middlesborough, (where  
 I was married.)  
 And St John's, Southend Pond.

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

It seems a long time ago but I do remember the first event my husband and I attended was a Harvest Supper in 1957 with stuffed marrows and apple pie – a hilarious evening with a stage show in the old hall by the Parishioners. Would Yorkshire harvest suppers be appreciated at BPC with warm pork pies and mushy peas? We must have enjoyed that first supper because we continued to worship at BPC, and I'm afraid I didn't try any other churches.

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

Music certainly enhances services for me and I think BPC excels in this sphere.

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

Yes, the sound system at funerals. The service is conducted from the lectern beneath the organ, which may or may not make a difference. But many people with good hearing have remarked how difficult it is to hear, especially eulogies given by friends or relative.

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

I am very much against too much bending of the rules. At the same time I realise that the Church of England must move forwards. It also worries me when I hear high-ranking officials of the church expressing doubts about the Resurrection, Virgin Birth etc.

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

I think the church should have a voice in all matters.

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

I wish BPC would take a look at publicising events more widely. Small notices go unseen by passers by. How about a banner? Perhaps more notices in the library, Link, and the local paper would be more realistic.

**Do you have a favourite prayer?**

Yes, I recorded this in the May Issue of the Key. It is worth repeating -

*Support us O Lord,  
 all the day long of this troublous life,  
 until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes,  
 the busy world is hushed,  
 the fever of life is over  
 and our work done.  
 Then Lord, in your mercy grant us a safe lodging,  
 a holy rest, and peace at the last;  
 through Christ our Lord.  
 Amen.*

**A coincidence is when God performs a miracle and decides to remain anonymous.**