

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

I am Chairman of the Rooms and Youth Centre Committee; also a sidesman and I help with maintenance at the Church and St. Paul's House.

Which other churches have you worshipped at?

St. James' Church, Leicester, where I was born. Also the Anglican churches overseas wherever we were living at the time, including Burma, Thailand, Iran and Brazil. Some of them survived on a very precarious basis. It was interesting to see the influence of other religions, particularly Buddhism and Islam, and we met splendid representatives of both.

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

A warm welcome on the first day, particularly from the Thompsons, the Elves and the Browns, the latter sadly no longer with us.

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

One cannot fail to be impressed by the high standard of the Church music, but feeling part of a family is most important to me, particularly since losing my wife last year. The Men's group is particularly enjoyable with its liberal interpretation of venues suitable for visits by such serious-minded individuals.

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

The imbalance of the BPC budget is obviously a serious problem but alas I have no instant solution to offer.

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

Getting some agreement within the Church of England on such things as Homosexual priests and women bishops is of course a

priority as many people are looking for leadership in these matters.

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

I think the Church should speak out on social issues. It will always be criticized for this but the alternative is for it to become an irrelevancy.

Do you have a favourite prayer?

I like a number of prayers but have no clear favourite.

Come, Celebrate Creation

Saturday 11 June 10.00 am – 5.00 pm

In order to raise money for Bromley Welcare we are holding a day of exhibitions and activities under the theme of 'creativity.'

Exhibitions include:

- Bromley Photographic society
- Bromley Embroidery guild
- Bromley Flower Guild
- Guide to icon painting in the children's chapel
- Craft Fair

Activities include:

- Parachuting teddy bears from the church tower
- Tower tours
- Homemade sweets and cakes
- Traidcraft
- Plant stall
- Refreshments including lunches and teas
- Children's activities
- Large raffle
- Auction of promises

Helpers will be needed for this special event. Please speak to Alison Newman (020 8464 9532) or Rhoda Mackenzie (020 8462 1670) if you would like to get involved.