

How long have you been worshipping at BPC?

I moved down in August last year so a little over a year now.

Do you have a specific role at BPC?

No, not yet anyway!

Which other churches have worshipped at?

I didn't turn to Christianity until university; at Cambridge I attended Trinity College Chapel and St Andrew the Great and during the year I spent in Valencia I went to quite a few of the Catholic churches, especially La Iglesia de Santa Catalina, which was both quite strange and quite moving.

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

I think I was quite surprised by the diversity in age of the congregation; I'd become used to going to churches where the average age was either over 45 or under 25, so it was quite noticeable to me that all ages were present at BPC.

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

I really like the fact that BPC seems very open and welcoming to everyone, I felt practically adopted when I first started and I think that's a great thing.

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

Nope, no suggestions, sorry!

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

It's sheer acceptance of variety. Too many people see this as a bad thing, that the CofE is too 'wishy-washy' but I think it's important that the church tries to reach out to as many people as it can, I think God speaks and calls to people in different

ways and CofE is actually rather good at reflecting that.

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

Definitely. Christianity is very explicitly more than a covenant between the individual and God, there is clearly an absolutely fundamental aspect of community as well, so I think that the Church has a duty to speak out when it believes its voice and influence may do good.

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

Sometimes I feel the church is almost too accepting of attacks and insults. Christianity is very tolerant of attacks, which is a good thing but I think that Christian leaders should still be prepared to stand up and defend the church and the faith, it perhaps might lead others to actually think about their prejudices.

Do you have a favourite prayer?

I find the Prayer for Peace very inspiring – I find that through it God gives me the strength to reach out to others and try and do good.

