

changes made to the communion service made since.

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

I am interested in wildlife and I help support a Rhino in Africa and feel that the amount of paper used by BPC during the year is the equivalent to several Rain Forests!

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

To encourage more young people to want to come to church, feel welcome and want to stay.

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

As the Church is part of society it should speak out on social matters but with one voice.

David Knight contributed this timely poem:

Say No to Peace

Say 'no' to peace
 If what they mean by peace
 Is the quiet misery of hunger
 The frozen stillness of fear
 The silence of broken spirits
 The unborn hopes of the oppressed

Tell them that peace
 Is the shouting of children at play
 The babble of tongues set free
 The thunder of dancing feet
 And a father's voice singing

Say 'no' to peace
 If what they mean by peace
 Is a rampart of gleaming missiles
 The arming of distant wars
 Money at ease in its castle
 And grateful poor at the gate

Tell them that peace
 Is the hauling down of flags
 The forging of guns into ploughs,
 The giving of the fields to the landless,
 And hunger a fading dream.

Brian Wren in Bread of Tomorrow,
 Christian Aid p 130

Watch that bird!



If you like bird watching, why not consider going on a Christian bird-watch this autumn? The Rev Adrian Hughes, vicar of Belford and Lucker, and Mark Winter, a Baptist who runs Birdwatch Northumbria, have joined forces to pioneer a weekend of bird watching and Christian worship in November. They promise a full programme of guided bird watching walks; presentations on birds and their God-given significance; and times of devotion and worship celebrating God's creativity.

'Ornithology' is the word coined for it by the Rev Dr John Stott, an evangelical statesman and avid bird watcher, who has written a book on the subject, 'The Birds Our Teachers'. The weekend is scheduled for 5th - 7th November.

Details from:
www.birdwatchnorthumbria.co.uk