

The Church of St Phebalium at the Mall Skit #1

Help is only a smile away

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Performers x6

Girl. (Looking shabby).

Reverend/Narrator

Reverend's Wife

Lady in blue hat

Lady 2

Young man

(Girl walks on, and up to the Reverend, who is looking up at the ceilings).

Rev. :Oh...Hello...How are you?"

Girl. "I was just wondering if someone could help me?"

Rev. "Well...I'm just diving out...about my Father's business and all that...Try the Lady with the blue hat, down the hallway."

Girl. "Okay...Thank you." (He leaves, and she walks toward blue hat).

Blue. "I think we should recover the pews...Yellows and reds...Bright and cheerful!"

Lady 2. "Yes...great idea...I'll mention it to Rev."

Girl. "Excuse me?"

Blue. "Oh...Hello...It's second on the right...(pointing) down *that* way."

Girl. "No...I just wanted to talk to someone!"

Blue. "Really?...You want to make an appointment?"

Girl. "No...I was hoping to talk to someone now...it's urgent!"

Blue. "Try the Reverend's Wife...down the corridor...We're having the Church redecorated...lovely isn't it!"

Girl. "Yes it is...thanks." (Looking around, she walks slowly away).

Wife. (On phone). "Well...You know our motto...Help is only a smile away...Bye."

Girl. "Excuse me?"

Wife. "The painters are in the second room (pointing)...up that way."

Girl. "I'm not a painter."

Wife. "Oh sorry...Are you with the garden crew?"

Girl. "No...I need some advice?"

Wife. "Advice?...Look...I'm terribly sorry, but we're in the middle of a huge makeover...the old place is going to look so smart...Do you like this red?" (Pointing at wall).

Girl. "Yes it's okay."

Wife. "Bold colours everywhere...no more drab old wood...we'll leap into the twenty first Century in style."

Girl. "That's nice...Can I talk to someone?"

Wife. "Sorry...we're all rushed off our feet...This is the most exciting thing that's happened around here for years...Why don't you come to the grand opening next week?"

Girl. "I'll try to."

Wife. "Great...see you there!" (She walks away).

Man. (Walking past).

Girl. "Excuse me?"

Man. "Hello."

Girl. "I just want to talk to someone?"

Man. "This is a Church...You've come to the right place....But God's out at the moment...He's gone to have His morning tea."

Girl. "Pardon?"

Man. "That was a joke."

Girl. (Smiles).

Man. "I'm not sure if the Reverend's here?"

Girl. "No...he left earlier."

Man. "Sorry...Go down that way (pointing), the lady with the blue hat will help you."

Girl. (Walks around in a circle...then slowly out the door, with her head down).

(Blue hat, and Reverend's Wife walk on).

Blue. "I've just had a brainstorm!"

Wife. "What?"

Blue. "We'll put our motto in big letters right across the front of the Church...'Help is only a smile away'...Then everyone will know they get the personal touch, when they come here!"

Wife. "Yes...that's perfect!"

Blue. "That will really give us profile in the Community."

Wife. 'Good...There was a girl wandering around in here earlier...Did you see her?"

Blue. "Yes...she was with the painters or something."

Wife. "Okay...Well I'd better keep moving...Gotta keep this show on the road!"

Blue. "Amen!"

(Both walk off).

End

Narrator. "Christianity is about people. If we're too busy to listen to people, then we're too busy for the Lord, because He is never too busy to listen to the individual. The cry of one voice, among the billions of others, will always get His undivided attention, and response.

The Church should be the one place the burdened will be welcomed, and helped, not shuffled from one to another, until they give up in despair, and go elsewhere."

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