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## News Report

### The happiest job in the world?



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Which would make you happier? Working in a pub, or at the **pulpit**?

In early 2014, BBC news **reported** on **research** about the connection between jobs and levels of life **satisfaction**.

It **found** pub workers are unhappiest and members of the **clergy** are most satisfied.

But is this true in real life?

Paul Mundy **was working in a pub when he decided** to become a **vicar**.

He says the two **roles** are very different, but he **actually** enjoys both.

And there are **similarities**: both are quite **stressful** and let you see people at the "best and worst of times".

He says: "If you've got people coming through the door and the **till**'s ringing, you're the happiest **publican** in the world.

"And if you're standing in the pulpit and you've got lots of **bottoms on seats**, you're the happiest vicar in the world as well."

## **Vocabulary**

### **pulpit**

high place in a church where the priest speaks

### **research**

a detailed study of a subject

### **satisfaction**

feeling of being happy when you do or receive something you wanted

### **clergy**

priests or other religious leaders, especially in the Christian Church

### **vicar**

priest in Church of England who is in charge of a church

### **roles**

jobs

### **actually**

used in sentences to show surprise

### **similarities**

things that are similar or the same

### **stressful**

describes an activity that makes people feel worried or nervous

### **till**

a container with a drawer in a shop where the money goes after a customer pays

### **publican**

manager of a pub

### **bottoms on seats**

people watching a performance (the bottom is the part of the body you sit on)

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