

## Let's Talk About

*Vicar and couple sat in the vicar's living room, traditional scene over tea, and traditional looking characters.*

Vicar) Now then, er.

Steve) Steve and Jo

Vicar) Of course, Stephen and the dear Josephine, it's lovely to see you again, and so soon after you've got married.

Jo) Well you did say that if we ever wanted to talk to you

Vicar) That's right, absolutely, my door is always open,

Jo) Well, that's what you told us

Vicar) And I meant it, any problem at all, always happy to help.

Steve) right

Jo) that's great.

Vicar) so, how can I help?

Steve) right well,

Jo) Well you see it's a bit embarrassing

Vicar) Oh nonsense, that's what I'm here for, to shed a little light. What is it? Have you been arguing more than you thought you would? The little tiffs that you thought would go away once that ring was on? Are you feeling trapped? Trapped with the pressure of people's expectations? My wife and I have spoken to many couples over the years about this, indeed we had a few little problems of that sort when we first got married, of course a bit of prayer always helps we found and...

Jo) Sex! We want to talk to you about sex.

Silence, Steve clears his throat, the vicar takes a sip of tea.

Vicar) French Fancy?

Steve) You what?

Vicar) French Fancy? Sandwich? More tea anyone?

Steve) Did you hear what Jo said?

Vicar) Yes, I think that Josephine made herself quite clear. I simply thought that maybe we should all be fortified before we begin to discuss s.s. such delicate matters.

Steve) Well don't you want to even know what the problem is?

Vicar) Right yes, of course, I can do that, of course

Jo) Well (**looks at Steve for reassurance**) the thing is that we...

Vicar) Virginia!

Steve) What?

Vicar) Virginia, my wife. I am sure that Josephine would be much more comfortable talking about s.. s.. somewhat delicate matters if there was another lady here with us, and my wife is far more interested, er, competent, er sensitive to such matters. Oh yes, that's far more appropriate,

Steve) Well I suppose that would be okay

Jo) If you felt that was better, and she was happy to join us

Vicar) Yes, sadly she is not actually available at present, very busy, very busy indeed (**reaching for his diary**) how about.. three weeks on Thursday?

Jo) Look I'd much rather chat now, I'm really not bothered about having another woman around.

Steve) You did say we could come and see you about anything

Vicar) No, yes, no, that's absolutely correct, no problem too big or small - oh I'm so sorry have I been terribly insensitive there

Steve) What?

Vicar) I thought I might have stumbled upon the problem, no, no, of course not, no, carry on, yes.

Jo) Right, well the thing is we've been finding things a bit difficult.

Vicar) with the s.s.s.sleeping arrangements

Jo) the sex, yes

Steve) It's not anything that either of us is doing

Vicar) thank goodness for that

Jo) It's just finding the time

Steve) We just seem to be too busy, either I'm out or she is, or when we're both in we're *too* tired

Vicar) And it's a case of not tonight Josephine!

Steve) What?

Vicar) No, sorry, terribly inappropriate, awfully sorry, got a bit carried away. No carry on if you must

Jo) Well that's about it really. We just wondered if you had any advice you could give us, about creating more time for each other and for

Vicar) soothing moments, yes I see. Well I can only speak from my own experience, which I have to say has been rather successful.

Jo & Steve) REALLY?!

Vicar) I'm sorry?

Jo) Oh no, sorry, I just thought that well

Steve) Carry on please

Vicar) Well, finding time to be with the one you love is always difficult. My wife always seems to be dashing off here and there, in fact, half the time I have absolutely no idea where she is.

Jo) And that's okay with you?

Vicar) Perfectly, although, in fact, we have never really discussed the matter.

Steve) But if you don't talk how do you know what each other wants

Vicar) My dear after twenty years of marriage I think you'll find

Steve) I mean what if she wants to try something a bit different

Vicar) Well, we did have one incident where she rather shocked me. She cooked me an Indian meal

Jo) And?

Vicar) And I was very surprised because I'd not tried it before

Jo) And?

Vicar) Well that's it, I'm a meat and two veg man myself

Steve) Doesn't sound like your wife sees much of it though

Vicar) Sorry?

Jo) I think what Steve meant was trying something new in the bedroom

Vicar) Oh I see - well, we had a new duvet cover three years ago, and I did treat Virginia to a matching bedside lamp, she does like to read of an evening, sometimes even after ten

o'clock, that's when she's not got a headache, she does suffer so, poor dear. I'm rather seasonal myself, socks off in the summer and all that

Steve & Jo) SEX!!! (*vicar jumps suddenly*)

Vicar) Please don't do that it's very bad for my nerves

Jo) Look vicar, all we wanted was a few hints about

Vicar) Yeas, I heard you the first time

Steve) Well, if you don't want to talk about it, have you got a book that we could read

Vicar) Certainly not. My reading matter consists of theology and gardening

Steve) Alan Titchmarsh does it you know

Vicar) I beg your pardon

Steve) Alan Titchmarsh has sex, so do we, so does everyone, apart from your poor wife it seems.

Jo) It's nothing to be ashamed off, it's quite natural

Vicar) Which does not mean that we all have to sit around talking about it all the time. You young people are obsessed nowadays. If you want children then fine, otherwise I suggest that you take up something that will take up some of your energy. Crochet perhaps.

Steve) Or how about gardening?

Vicar) Exactly

Steve) Oh yes that Charlie Dimmock can help me raise my cucumber any day

***Both laugh, the vicar faints and they both stand over him***

Jo) Vicar, vicar? Oh dear, do you think he'll be okay

Steve) He'll be fine.

Jo) Well that didn't go very well

Steve) No. Although there's one good thing come out of it.

Jo) What's that?

Steve) Well seeing as the meeting has come to a rather premature end, we've suddenly got all afternoon free, how about some 8.8.8.

Jo) Simply enchanting moments?

Steve) Let's go