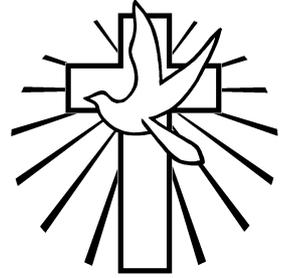


# CHRIST CHURCH EPSOM COMMON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Registered Charity No. 1127945

Main points of the PCC meeting held on  
Monday 8 September 2014



Here is the usual summary of the PCC's recent meeting. As always, fuller details are in the displayed draft minutes.

**Emergency Appeals:** In view of the humanitarian crises in the Middle East, we agreed donations of £250 to each of *Christian Aid's* appeals for Gaza and the persecuted Christian community in Iraq. (While most of Christ Church's missions giving is channelled via the "champions", we hold back a margin to enable us to respond to such emergency appeals.)

**Appointments & vacancies:** We were pleased to appoint Jenny Power to one of Christ Church's vacant seats on the Deanery Synod. Among a number of vacancies, it is getting urgent to recruit more people to help with the Sunday morning children's groups, and someone to take on the co-ordination of *Christian Aid Week* for Christ Church.

**Church music:** A change in Andrew Davies' work patterns means that he is no longer able to fulfil all his duties as Director of Music, although he continues as Organist and (supported by Helen Smith) leader of Song Squad. We were pleased to appoint Julie Shaw to the new post of Choir Director – and continue to value Andrew Smith's work as Band leader and Craig Donovan's work for *Revive*.

**Vicar's Report:** In considering the Vicar's omnibus report, we were pleased to reflect on the various good things that had happened over the Summer – not least Christ Church on the Wells' Silver Anniversary and Holiday Club, and the successful launch of Christ Church's Sunday afternoon Youth Club on 7 September. Many good things are also in prospect – not least a Parish "Weekend Away" next June.

**Finance:** We were concerned to hear from our Finance Group that pledged income is below expectations and that, if things continued as they were, the budgeted in-year deficit on the General Fund would climb from £20,000 to £25,000. We agreed some measures to help mitigate this but, if we are to continue as a vibrant outward-looking community, need to boost our future income. These matters will be explained further at the "Stewardship Day" being planned for Sunday 5 October.

**Christmas Card:** As in previous years, we shall be producing a Christmas card from Christ Church and Christ Church on the Wells giving details of our special services. Nearer the time, we shall be asking for your help in delivering one to every home in the Parish – our major outreach activity of the year.

**Christmas Appeal:** We decided that the beneficiary of our 2014 Christmas Appeal will be Leatherhead *Pitstop*, for its work with the homeless.

**Next meetings:** We are holding an "Away Day" (at St Barnabas) on Saturday 18 October to work on our "2020 Vision" for the parish. Our next meeting for more usual business will be held on Monday 11 November at 8pm in the Hall.

**Roger Morgan**  
PCC Secretary