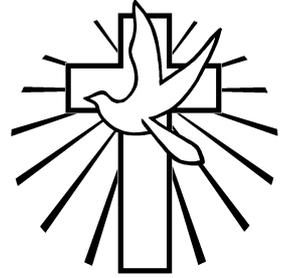


CHRIST CHURCH EPSOM COMMON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Registered Charity No. 1127945



Main points of the PCC meeting held on
Monday 16 June 2014

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

LLM: With profound thanks for all her work in the parish, we were pleased to endorse the renewal of Pam Buckingham's "permission to officiate" as LLM (or Reader) and congratulated her on receiving a Borough Volunteer Award for her long-standing service to the community.

Appointments: In addition to the formal annual appointments made at Annual Church and PCC Meetings on 6 April, we reaffirmed in office the very many people holding various posts not needing annual renewal (as listed in the annex to the minutes). We are enormously grateful for the invaluable contribution these people make – often behind the scenes – to church life.

"Knowing, Going, Growing": We welcomed the events planned to maintain progress on our growth strategy through the interlinked Calls to Pray, Discipleship and Mission, and began work on the "Living Well" 2020 Vision outlined by the Vicar at the 6 April Annual Church Meeting.

Safeguarding: Following a useful briefing by the Parish Safeguarding Officer, Jackie Brazier, We reaffirmed for 2014-15 the statement of our Parish Policy (for display on notice boards) for the protection of children and vulnerable adults.

Missions: Of the £14,500 earmarked for Missions in the 2014 budget, we allocated £12,325 for the new list of "championed" causes. This sum allows a payment of £400 (all that is required) to the MU's Sierra Leone project and £1,325 (in two instalments – one now and, subject to the availability of resources, the second at the end of the year) to each of the nine others. The remaining £2,175 is to enable the PCC to respond to emergency and ad hoc appeals that arise during the year, and we agreed a donation of £250 to Christian Aid's South Sudan appeal .

Finance: In an update on financial matters, the Treasurer, Alan Frame, reported that both income and expenditure were a little below budget for the first quarter of 2014. Some of this was the result of seasonal factors that would correct over the year, but the expected sum from pledged giving had been hit by the departure of some donors. Even if things got back on track, however, we had again budgeted for an in-year deficit. That drain on our reserves is clearly not sustainable over time, and we need to maintain and boost our income – the great bulk of which comes from pledged giving – to generate in-year surpluses. Plans are being made for an annual financial review in October.

Premises: We appointed a new Church Architect. His first task will be to undertake the now-due Quinquennial Survey which will help set our premises priorities for the next period. We expect these to have a substantial price tag, hence the building up of a Property Reserve Fund.

WW1: In the late evening of 4 August, round the Christ Church memorial, we will be participating in the national event of extinguishing candles to mark the Centenary of Britain's entry into the First World War. We endorsed John Tregoning's proposal to appeal for donations to allow a Christ Church donation of £570 (being £10 for each of the 57 named on our memorial) towards the Memorial Wood at Langley Vale.

Next meeting: Monday 8 September at 8pm in the Hall.

Roger Morgan
PCC Secretary