

CHRIST CHURCH EPSOM COMMON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Registered Charity No. 1127945

Main points of the PCC meeting held on
Monday 12 January 2010



Here is the usual summary of the PCC's recent meeting. In the Vicar's continuing absence, this was chaired by Martin Shipton, the Acting Churchwarden whom we also appointed as lay Vice-Chairman of the PCC. As always, fuller details are in the draft minutes that will also be on display.

Christmas

We expressed our thanks to all those who helped make Christ Church's recent Christmas another joyful and memorable season: the many worship leaders (including Bishop Christopher for his much-appreciated pastoral visit on 27 December); all those involved in supporting the services (servers, sidespeople, sound desk operators, musicians, singers, flower arrangers, bell ringers, those who prepared the many service sheets – and not forgetting those who provided the post-service refreshments); all those who helped Christ Church cater for some 800 pupils and their parents at the various local schools' Christmas services; and all involved in preparing and delivering the Christ Church Christmas card round the parish, our most important outreach activity of the year.

The Christmas appeals were also the most successful for many years. One of the beneficiaries was the Children's Society which has been sent the £470 collected at the Crib Services. The others were Shelter and the Salvation Army which, for their work among the homeless, have each been sent equal shares of the £1,000 collected at other Christmas services. Our thanks go to the Finance Team for dealing with all these.

Ceilidh

At our November meeting, we felt it would be good to arrange some general Christ Church social event early in the New Year, and we were delighted to endorse Phil and Vicki Goldby's initiative in proposing another Ceilidh (a sort of barn dance) on Saturday 27 February. Tickets are now on sale, and we look forward to a repeat of the successful 2007 and 2008 events.

Missions

Anne Sturton, Chair of the Missions Group, outlined plans for refreshing the list of missions supported by Christ Church from the substantial sum annually set aside for this important purpose. Existing "champions" are, of course, welcome to seek continuation, but if you would like to champion another Christian-oriented charity over the next three-year period, please look out for the notices over the next few weeks about the next steps. The revised list of championed causes will be decided at our March meeting.

Lent Appeal

We decided that the beneficiaries of our 2010 Lent Appeal should be the Bishop's Lent Appeal (the proceeds of which will be divided between the Bishop's Foundation and Tearfund) and the Epsom mental health charity "*Love me, love my mind*".

The Parish Office

All will understand that Tricia Coleman has to give priority to caring for her husband in his failing health and has thus decided to stand down as Parish Secretary with immediate effect. We are grateful to Kate Drummond who, with help from the "Office Angels" continues to keep the core activities going on two mornings a week. While we explore ways of bolstering this essential resource, please do all you can to minimise the demands you make of it. And if you have IT skills that could help reduce the load further, please contact Martin Shipton.

Next meeting

Our next meeting (the last before the Annual Church Meeting to be held on Sunday 25 April) is planned for Monday 8 March at 8pm in the Hall.

Roger Morgan
PCC Secretary