

CHRIST CHURCH EPSOM COMMON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Registered Charity No. 1127945

Main points of the PCC meeting held on
Monday 17 May 2010



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

As outlined at the Annual Meeting on 25 April, a key task over coming months is the recruitment of a new Vicar. That formal process is launched when the PCC has agreed a "Parish Profile" (of factual information about our parish, church and activities) and a "Statement of Needs" (describing the characteristics of the person we feel will best lead us for the next period). This meeting was the start of that process.

Seven members of the Christ Church and Wells congregations took up the open invitation to join the meeting, and played a full part in its deliberations. Our discussions were also greatly assisted by the thoughtful feedback from the 38 people who responded to the 2 May questionnaire about the most important spiritual gifts, personal characteristics skills and abilities our new Vicar will need to deal effectively with the work that lies ahead.

The way ahead for Christ Church

Our discussions were facilitated by the Revd John Gooding, the Diocesan Director of Parish Development. He structured the evening around three main questions as we looked to the future:

- What are the current key strengths and weaknesses in church life and ministry?
- What are the current key activities and policies in church life and ministry?
- Who are the key people needing to work collaboratively with the new incumbent?

For each of these, John Gooding: introduced the topic; gave us time to set down our thoughts individually; put us in small groups to discuss and refine our thinking; and concluded things in a brief plenary discussion.

At the end of the evening, our individual written responses were collected for use as additional background material in framing the Parish Profile and Statement of Needs.

Next Steps

We then appointed two working parties to lead the work on preparing these two documents, members of which were:

- on the Parish Profile – Roger Morgan; Alan Frame; Mike Reeves; and Anne Sturton.
- on the Statement of Needs – Hazel Rose; Martin Shipton; Seb Crutch; and Diana Tear.

Those groups will need to consult and involve others during their work and, of course, keep in close touch with the PCC, which is responsible for signing off the documents in due course.

Next meeting

Our next meeting – to deal with routine business – will be held on Monday 21 June at 8pm in the Hall.

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