

CHRIST CHURCH EPSOM COMMON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Registered Charity No. 1127945

Main points of the PCC meeting held on
Monday 26 July 2010



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

Christ Church Open Afternoon

We confirmed plans for the annual Open Afternoon on Sunday 12 September (as part of the Epsom & Ewell Heritage Weekend).

Pam Buckingham

We were pleased to note the Bishop's renewal of Pam Buckingham's "permission to officiate" as LLM/Reader, the application for which we had endorsed at our June meeting with profound thanks for all Pam's work in the parish.

Missions

At our June meeting, we agreed to set aside some £13,000 for our ten championed missions in 2010, with payments being made in the usual two instalments as cash flow permits. We were pleased to note that first payments are now being made. These are of £250 (all that is required) for the MU's Sierra Leone project and £720 (half the earmarked annual amount) to each of the nine others. Second payments will be made as the books are closed at the end of the financial year.

The search for a new Vicar

The meeting had been convened principally for a thorough review of the draft "Parish Profile and Statement of Needs" that are the key documents in our search for a new Vicar. We congratulated the two small groups set up at our May meeting for the work they had done – liaising with others as necessary – in preparing the text for our consideration.

We endorsed the general approach proposed but, in detailed discussion over 1½ hours, inevitably noted a number of points on both content and presentation. A revised text will be prepared in the light of this discussion and, in a round of emailing, members will have a chance to propose further polishing in the first part of August.

The final documents have then to be signed off – together with decisions on a number of other related matters – at the so-called "Section 11" meeting which formally launches the search for a new Vicar. In view of all the preparatory work, that meeting should be relatively brief. At the time of writing, a date has still to be finalised, but is likely to be at 12 noon on either Sunday 22 or Sunday 29 August.

Please continue to pray for all involved in this important work, using the Parish Vacancy Prayer an otherwise.

Future meetings

After the "Section 11" meeting mentioned above, we shall then return to more routine business at a meeting to be held on Monday 13 September at 8pm in the Hall.

Roger Morgan
PCC Secretary