

CHRIST CHURCH EPSOM COMMON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Registered Charity No. 1127945

Main points of the PCC meeting held on
Monday 13 September 2010



Here is the usual summary of the PCC's recent meeting, at which we returned to more routine business after the recent months of activity preparing for the search for a new Vicar. As always, fuller details are in the displayed draft minutes.

The search for a new Vicar

Following approval of the Parish Profile and Statement of Need at our 5 September "Section 11" meeting, we finalised the draft advertisement. This has since been cleared by the diocese and will shortly be published in both the *Church Times* and the *Church of England Newspaper*. The outline timetable is for interviews in early December. We would therefore hope to have our new Vicar in place by about Easter next year.

Christmas card

As in recent years, we shall again be producing a Christmas card from Christ Church and the Wells. 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

On the recommendation of the Missions Group, we decided that the beneficiary of our 2010 Christmas Appeal should be *Shelter*.

Reports

We received reports from various Committees, the main points of which were as below.

- **Christ Church on the Wells:** The Wells continues in good shape. It held a particularly successful Holiday Club during the summer, for which Ann Chandler and her team are thanked.
- **Finance:** Thanks to a substantial legacy from the late Molly Hardwick and an anonymous gift earlier in the year, our finances are currently healthy. This is a good job, because we face a number of substantial outgoings, not least in connection with the upkeep and redecoration of the Vicarage during the Vacancy. And even though we have no Vicar, we are still required to pay our full Parish Share to the Diocese.
- **Premises:** The re-formed Premises Group has taken stock of the various works needed on the Church, Hall, church grounds, Vicarage and 278 The Greenway to return and keep them to a reasonable standard. Detailed estimates are now being finalised, in the light of which we shall be able to plan an appropriately phased programme of work. It may be that we shall be able to save some expense by recruiting DIY-ers to undertake parts of the required redecoration.
- **Worship:** We looked forward to the Come to Church and Harvest Festival with BBQ on 26 September, and to the Deanery Confirmation Service to be hosted by Christ Church on Saturday 13 November. Because of the shortage of leaders and helpers for the Children's Sunday groups and also to make the children feel more valued, a change in practice is proposed from November so that children both start and, as now, end their mornings in the main service.

Next meeting

Our next meeting is planned for Monday 8 November at 8pm in the Hall.

Roger Morgan
PCC Secretary