

# CHRIST CHURCH EPSOM COMMON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Registered Charity No. 1127945

Main points of the PCC meeting held on  
Monday 7 March 2011



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

**John Elliott:** We were saddened by news of John Elliott's recent death and began the meeting by remembering this long-standing Christ Church member with affection, and by holding Brenda and the family in our thoughts and prayers.

**Quiz evening:** Sue Matthews and Marilyn Brown were warmly thanked for organising the Quiz Evening + Fish & Chips on Saturday 5 March. 80 people – of a wide age range from across the congregations – had a most enjoyable evening, and the event yielded a surplus of £47 for the Children's Society.

**New Vicar:** We noted the progress being made in various preparations for the arrival of the Revd Rosemary Donovan on 8 June.

**Guildford Cathedral's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary:** Details of the various interesting special events being held at the Cathedral in this anniversary year are being publicised as they come around. The climax will be a service on Saturday 14 May at which representatives of every parish will collect a Golden Jubilee Candle – to be lit at their Sunday services up to and including Pentecost (the Cathedral's patronal festival) on 12 June.

**Soul Survivor:** We welcomed and endorsed Phil Goldby's proposal to take a group to Soul Survivor in mid-August.

**Health and Safety:** The Parish H&S policy was, with minor amendments, reaffirmed for the coming year.

**Annual Church Meeting (Sunday 10 April at 12 noon):** We reviewed and agreed the agenda and papers to go to this meeting for report and review. Copies of these papers are now available at both Christ Church and Christ Church on the Wells. Among other things, these include reports:

- from Christ Church on the Wells, where this small community church continues its useful work in good shape, not least because of the valued role of the local worship leaders – Anne Chandler, Janet Hinton and Elizabeth Martin; and
- on the main church's finances where, thanks to a generous gift and a very substantial legacy (totalling nearly £100,000) the accounts look healthier than they have ever been. However, that is deceptive. In 2011, a realistic and tightly controlled projection of our general expenditure currently exceeds expected income by over £6,000. The aim of the Annual Financial Review currently under way is to bridge that gap and return the finances to a sustainable basis.

**Elections:** A key part of the business at the Annual Church Meeting is elections. We were pleased to note that the following were willing to be re-elected: Hazel Rose and Martin Shipton as Churchwardens; Berwick Curtis as a Christ Church representative on the Deanery Synod (which gives an *ex officio* seat on the PCC); and Denise Chamberlain and Mike Reeves as lay representatives on the PCC. It would be good to greet our new Vicar with a fully-complemented PCC – the senior decision-making body in the church. To this end, we need at least two more nominees for the Deanery Synod and another two for the PCC alone. Please consider whether one of these posts is something for you. Nomination forms are now available at both Christ Church and Christ Church on the Wells.

**Next meetings:** This was our last meeting before the Annual Church Meeting at 12 noon on Sunday 10 April. Our next meeting (of the PCC as reconstituted by elections at that meeting) will be held in the Church immediately after that, to deal with various immediate housekeeping points. The first full meeting of the new year is planned for 23 May at 8pm in the Hall.

**Roger Morgan**  
PCC Secretary