

CHRIST CHURCH EPSOM COMMON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Registered Charity No. 1127945

Main points of the PCC meeting held on
Monday 23 May 2011



Here is the usual summary of the PCC's recent meeting. With the aim of clearing the decks ready to begin work with our new Vicar, this was mainly for routine business. As always, fuller details are in the displayed draft minutes.

Revd Rosemary Donovan: We looked forward to welcoming our new Vicar (and her husband, Craig) among us, and approved arrangements for the 8 June service of "Collation, Induction and Installation" and subsequent celebrations for the expected very large congregation. This will end the Vacancy, and we thanked our Rural Dean, the Revd Stuart Thomas, for his valuable support of the parish as our Priest in Charge over the last 18 months.

LLMs (formerly Readers): With profound thanks for her work in the parish, we were pleased to endorse the renewal of Pam Buckingham's "permission to officiate" as LLM. Berwick Curtis is about to complete his training and, in preparation for his licensing in July, we were pleased to confirm to the Diocese our readiness to receive and support him as an LLM at Christ Church.

Appointments: In addition to completing the annual appointments begun at the 10 April Annual Church and PCC Meetings, we reaffirmed in office the very many people holding various posts not needing annual renewal (as listed in the annex to the minutes). We are enormously grateful for the invaluable contribution these people make – often behind the scenes – to church life. On particular posts:

- **Director of Music:** We wished Esther Jones well as prepares to go on maternity leave, and finalised arrangements for Leah Perona-Wright to fill the gap as Acting Director of Music.
- **Parish Secretary:** We were sorry to hear that Kate Drummond has had to step down as part-time Parish Secretary and thanked her for all her work in that role. We are grateful to Pippa Rothwell for increasing her Office mornings from three to four.
- **Editor of Christ Church News:** We thanked Martin Virgo for his two years in post, and are grateful to Martin Shipton for stepping in as acting Editor.

Children: We re-affirmed the Parish Child Protection policy for 2011-12.

Missions: Of the £15,000 earmarked for Missions in the budget, we allocated £12,760 for Christ Church's "championed" causes. This sum allows a payment of £250 (all that is required) to the MU's Sierra Leone project and £1,390 (in two instalments – one now and the second at the end of the year) to each of the nine others. The remaining £2,240 is to enable the PCC to respond to emergency and *ad hoc* appeals that arise during the year.

Premises: We received a useful report from the Premises Group detailing the extensive range of repairs and maintenance completed, under way and – not least from a full appraisal of the 2009 Quinquennial Survey – in prospect. In view of the financial implications, we agreed the Group's proposal to explore minor improvements to the Hall toilets rather than a major revamp. We also endorsed the Group's re-appointment of Michael Rose as its Clerk.

Finance: We noted with thanks a donation to church funds from Brenda Heels in memory of her late husband, John. The Treasurer, Alan Frame, reported that the recent Annual Financial Review had yielded a useful number of new planned giving commitments. Together with increased commitments from others and associated tax recovery, these should result in additional income of about £5,000 in a full year. This would be important for helping keep the church finances in reasonable shape. Figures for the first three months of the year indicated that income and expenditure were about in line with the budget. The final stages of the Vacancy were giving rise to some extra expenditure and the mid-year figures would give a clearer overall picture which, on current expectations, was still likely to be reasonably healthy.

Next meeting: Our next meeting – the first with our new Vicar – will be held on Monday 4 July at 8pm in the Hall.

Roger Morgan
PCC Secretary