

CHRIST CHURCH EPSOM COMMON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Registered Charity No. 1127945

Main points of the PCC meeting held on
Monday 4 July 2011



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

A new beginning: This was the PCC's first meeting with our new Vicar, the Revd Rosemary Donovan. To mark this new phase in the life of the PCC and parish, we began the meeting with a celebration of the Eucharist.

Thanks: The meeting was also our first opportunity to endorse the thanks that have already been expressed elsewhere to the many people involved in getting the Vicarage and Church ready for Rosemary's arrival and then in the splendid service of "Collation, Induction and Installation" on 8 June and the following celebrations. There are far too many to name, but we recorded particular thanks to the Churchwardens and, as project managers for 8 June, Carol and Leslie Jamieson.

"Taking our temperature": As the main item for the meeting, the Vicar led a discussion about where we are now. She understood that there could be some impatience to "get on with it" after our long Vacancy but was clear that, if actions were to be successful, they needed to be properly grounded in a mutual understanding of where the church community was now and of our priority needs. As a first step in this, she had concentrated in her first weeks in meeting the main postholders, the various Christ Church groups and the local schools. During July and August she would be meeting all PCC members for one-to-one discussions as well as meeting other parishioners in groups. In the light of all this, she planned in the autumn to devise with the PCC some immediate priorities and a strategy for developing longer term aims.

As a starting point in the PCC's work, we then worked through the Healthy Church Project's seven marks of a "healthy church" and ranked the parish under each one. We shall be taking our thinking further at our September meeting, by when the Vicar will have been able to feed back on her findings from her contacts over the summer.

LLMs (Readers): We were pleased to note that Pam Buckingham's permission to officiate as an LLM has been renewed, and that all was on track for Berwick Curtis's licensing as an LLM on 24 July.

East Africa Food Crisis: We agreed to make a donation of £1,000 to Christian Aid's urgent new appeal for helping the many who are suffering in this developing crisis.

Next meetings: Our next meeting will be held on Monday 12 September at 8pm in the Hall. In addition, we shall be joining members of the St Barnabas and St Martin PCCs for a joint meeting on the morning of Saturday 24 September to consider issues relating to the Epsom Group Ministry as a whole.

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