

CHRIST CHURCH EPSOM COMMON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Registered Charity No. 1127945

Main points of the PCC meeting held on
Saturday 12 and Monday 14 November 2011



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

“The way ahead”: Continuing the discussion begun with the Vicar at our July meeting, our special Saturday morning meeting was devoted entirely to “unpacking” Christ Church’s long standing Vision Statement:

“We are called to be a community open to God’s love so that many are:

- *drawn to the light of God’s love,*
- *transformed in the fire of Christ’s love,*
- *sent out in the power of the Spirit’s love.”*

Having explored the statement in depth and from various angles, we felt it continues to reflect our vision for Christ Church: while some of the language is perhaps not what we would use today, we saw no need for radical reform.

Within that renewed understanding of our vision, we then turned to setting some clear objectives for Christ Church over the next period – a task completed at our regular meeting on the Monday evening. The targets fall under the four main headings of Vision, Discipleship, Spirituality and Mission, with the principal focus at this stage of helping to build up the church community after the long interregnum.

We aim to have either completed or have clear plans for completing each of the targets by next April’s Annual Church Meeting. These targets are, of course, additional to the wide range of Christ Church’s continuing activities. They also need to be seen as “work in progress”: over time, other things will be built on this base.

Christmas: The Christmas card from Christ Church and the Wells is now printed. All are asked to help in delivering one to every home in the Parish – our major outreach activity of the year.

We endorsed the Vicar’s proposal that people within Christ Church should be invited, instead of sending Christmas cards to each other, to sign a giant card in the church and donate the money they would otherwise have spent on the cards to the Christmas Appeal, which is for LeatherHead Start (the new name for Leatherhead Night Shelter).

Communion Assistants: We were pleased to appoint Robert Burns and Vi Williams as additional Communion Assistants.

Missions: At our May meeting, we earmarked £15,000 for Missions and Outreach, the great bulk of which is sent to our 10 “championed” mission causes in two instalments. As usual, the first instalment was paid in the middle of the year. We have now authorised payment of the second instalment.

Copier: The well-used Riso copier in the Parish Office has to be replaced as spare parts will soon cease to be available. A replacement is obviously needed, and we agreed to purchase another Riso machine, but a new design that offers better greyscale copying as well as the facility for colour.

Next meeting: Our next meeting will be held on Monday 9 January at 8pm in the Hall.

Roger Morgan
PCC Secretary