

CHRIST CHURCH EPSOM COMMON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Registered Charity No. 1127945

Main points of the PCC meeting held on
Monday 12 March 2012



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.

Mission Statement: One of the targets we adopted last November for building up the life of the church after the Vacancy was to complement our long-standing Vision Statement (being the image of the future we seek to create – and which, over time, we would like to make a bit more accessible) with a simple Mission Statement to clarify who we are and what we do. As a starting point for the further work we know is needed to finalise this, we now have the following:

Christ Church and Christ Church on the Wells seek to know God and make Him known – through prayer and worship, learning and serving, caring and reaching out.

Director of Music: We were sorry to learn that Esther Jones has, after much thought, decided that the new priorities of family life mean that she will not be returning from her maternity leave. We have been enormously grateful to Leah Perona-Wright for maintaining the high standard of our music as Acting Director, and sorry to hear that she has also decided that family priorities prevent her accepting the permanent post. She has kindly agreed to continue as Acting Director for the time being while we set about the recruitment process.

Annual Church Meeting (Sunday 22 April at 12 noon): We approved the annual accounts, and agreed the agenda and papers to go to Annual Meeting. Copies of these will be available at both Christ Church and Christ Church on the Wells from 25 March. Among other things, the papers include reports:

- from Christ Church on the Wells, where this small community church continues its useful work in good shape with buoyant membership; and
- on the main church's finances where, having spent a little less in 2011 than budgeted while income had held up, there was a surplus of £3,500 over the year. This increased the net worth of Christ Church to £160,000 at year end. The sum set aside for missions giving through the champions and by the PCC to ad hoc appeals had amounted to 13.4% of our reckonable income. Notwithstanding the Annual Financial Review currently under way, things will look rather different at the end of 2012. To fund necessary major maintenance on the Church, Hall and 278 The Greenway in 2012, we are transferring £35,000 to the Property Fund – made possible by the generosity of Molly Hardwick's recent legacy.

Elections: A key part of the business at the Annual Church Meeting is elections. We were pleased to note that the Hazel Rose and Martin Shipton were willing to be re-elected as Churchwardens – where it is intended to find people to work alongside them over the year as "assistant wardens" with a view to offering themselves for appointment in 2013. The PCC is the senior decision-making body in the church and it would be good to fill not only the Christ Church vacancy on the Deanery Synod (which gives an ex officio seat on the PCC) but also all five vacancies on the PCC. Four of the latter are those coming up for routine triennial renewal (and the current holders – Alan Frame, Ruth Grint, Richard Martin and Anne Sturton – are eligible to stand for re-election). There is also one vacancy that was unfilled by the 2011 APCM. Nomination forms for all these post will be available at both Christ Church and Christ Church on the Wells from 25 March.

Next meetings: This was our last meeting before the Annual Church Meeting at 12 noon on 22 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 18 June at 8pm in the Hall.

Roger Morgan
PCC Secretary