

CHRIST CHURCH EPSOM COMMON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Registered Charity No. 1127945

Main points of the PCC meeting held on
Monday 11 June 2012



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

Clergy & LLM: With profound thanks for all their work in the parish, we were pleased to endorse:

- the renewal of Pam Buckingham's "permission to officiate" as LLM (formerly "Reader"); and
- the change of the Revd Sue Curtis's formal title to "Associate Minister".

Appointments: In addition to the formal annual appointments made at Annual Church and PCC Meetings on 22 April, 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.

Safeguarding: In line with national practice, the Diocesan child protection guidelines have been extended to include vulnerable adults, with the whole being brought under the umbrella of "Safeguarding". We agreed an appropriately extended Parish Policy and the associated statement (for display on notice boards) for 2012-13.

Missions: Of the £14,500 earmarked for Missions in the budget, we allocated £12,400 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 £1,350 (in two instalments – one now and the second at the end of the year) to each of the nine others. The remaining £2,100 is to enable the PCC to respond to emergency and *ad hoc* appeals that arise during the year.

Our targets: During her general report to the meeting, the Vicar outlined various positive developments in arrangements for the Sunday Children's Groups (not least Marigo Kyriakides' taking on the long-vacant role of Co-ordinator). She also summarised progress on the few outstanding points from the short term targets adopted in November 2011 and outlined plans to take things further over the next period. As part of this, the PCC aims to hold an extra meeting – free of routine business – on Monday 26 November.

Premises: We received a useful update from the Premises Group about: progress on three major projects (the work getting under way to refurbish 278 The Greenway, securing the necessary diocesan approval for repairs to the church's stonework, and planning for work to improve the Hall toilets); its continuing programme of minor repairs and maintenance; and plans for mapping out premises needs over the next few years, with obvious consequentials for future funding.

Finance: In an update on financial matters, the Treasurer, Alan Frame, reported that the recent Annual Financial Review had yielded new planned giving commitments of about £2,500 in a full year. Unfortunately, this was more than offset by the loss of some regular givers on moving from the district. Over the first four months of the year, income was thus a little under budget. However, expenditure had also been under budget. The combined effect was marginally to reduce the "net worth" of Christ Church from £160K at year end to £158K at the end of April.

Next meeting: Our next meeting will be held on Monday 3 September at 8pm in the Hall.

Roger Morgan
PCC Secretary