

CHRIST CHURCH EPSOM COMMON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Registered Charity No. 1127945

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



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

Church Music: We were delighted to note the appointment of Andrew Davies as the new Director of Music. He will take over fully on 1 January. To help him settle in, he is working alongside Leah Perona-Wright, to whom we are most grateful for agreeing to extend her interim appointment until the end of the year.

Christmas Card: 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.

Confirmation: We were pleased to note that Christ Church had nine candidates for Confirmation (four adults and five young people), and wished them well for the service at St Martin's on 15 November and for the future.

Missions: At our June meeting, we earmarked £14,500 for Missions, 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.

Finance: The Treasurer noted that the 9-month (January to September) accounts showed the finances to be in reasonable shape. Because of necessary work to refurbish 278 The Greenway (now let out and earning rental income), the net worth of Christ Church had declined – but not by as much as planned since, in the event, it had proved impossible to commission other intended improvements for 2012. It remained the aim to boost pledged giving to the point where, with tax recovery from Gift Aid, this covered our routine expenditure. On the important matter of insurance for both Church and Hall, we noted the extensive review undertaken by the Finance Group and endorsed its conclusions.

Premises: It is hoped to commission the long-planned renovation of the Hall toilets in early 2013. In the meantime, other minor maintenance continues – for example, the downstairs Hall flooring has been professionally cleaned and resealed.

Cleaning: We recorded our gratitude to all those who helped with the grand "church clean" and tidying up of the grounds on 10 November. However, we noted an urgent need to strengthen the small team of those who keep the church clean week by week. The Vicar will be appealing for others to join in this essential service to the church community.

Next meetings: Our next meeting will be at 7.30pm on Monday 26 November. This is a special one – free of routine business – at which we shall be thinking about the way ahead in the light of the Vicar's exploration of Christ Church's Vision and Mission Statements with the congregations in early October. Our next meeting for the usual range of business will be at 8pm on Monday 14 January.

Roger Morgan
PCC Secretary