

CHRIST CHURCH EPSOM COMMON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Registered Charity No. 1127945

Main points of the PCC meeting held on
Monday 14 January 2013



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

Curate: We were delighted to hear that Christ Church has been allocated a Curate from early July. He is Julian McAllen, a former teacher with particular strengths in outreach and mission. Arrangements are being made to end the short-term let of 278 The Greenway so that the house can be made ready for Julian to move in.

Christmas: We looked back on the Christmas services with real appreciation for their liveliness and relevance. The delivery of the usual Christmas card round the Parish (and our thanks go to those who helped in this major outreach activity) bolstered the congregations with a good number of newcomers, notwithstanding the bad weather on Christmas Eve and Day.

The Christmas appeal at both Christ Church and Christ Church on the Wells for the homeless charity *Crisis* raised the splendid total of £2,136 (including £246 in donations from those signing the giant Christmas card and prospective tax recovery). This is probably the largest ever total for our Christmas appeal and a most impressive outcome at a time of financial constraint.

The Christ Church Vision & Mission: Our main item of business was to conclude the discussion begun at our reflective meeting on 26 November about next steps in implementing the Christ Church Vision and Mission. As further context, we had: the Vicar's pastoral letter of December (a copy of which is still available on the church website); an audit of the extensive range of activities already under way; and a report of the first meeting of the Vicar's new Discipleship Team.

Against that background, we set ourselves 16 new targets for 2013 – as previously, under the headings of Vision, Spirituality, Discipleship and Mission. We have sought to be realistic in these, having regard to not only the resources (principally human) at our disposal but also the need to continue to support our present activities – some of which are so well established that there is a danger of their being taken for granted or even overlooked. We therefore aim to find ways of increasing their profile so that, over time, we can all have a fuller appreciation of the wide range of resources and activities available.

Premises: We endorsed the Premises Group's priorities for the early renovation of the Hall toilets; necessary work to 278 The Greenway and levelling the paths round the Church. Another high priority is redecoration of the downstairs Hall, perhaps as a church community DIY effort. We also endorsed the Group's proposed 2013 programme for routine maintenance of our premises.

We shall be needing a new Chairman of the Premises Group before long. Our thanks go to Martin Shipton who is standing down in April. For the last 2½ years, he has filled this post alongside his duties as Churchwarden which, properly, need to be de-linked.

Next meeting: Our next meeting will be at 8 pm on Monday 11 March when the main business will be to prepare for the 2013 Annual Church Meeting planned for noon on Sunday 14 April.

Roger Morgan
PCC Secretary