

CHRIST CHURCH EPSOM COMMON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Registered Charity No. 1127945



Main points of the PCC meeting held on
Monday 17 June 2013

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

Logo: We endorsed the new single logo – as above – for use (with the agreement of Christ Church on the Wells) across the parish.

LLM & Curate: With profound thanks for all her work in the parish, we were pleased to endorse the renewal of Pam Buckingham's "permission to officiate" as LLM (formerly "Reader"). We also looked forward to welcoming Julian McAllen as our Curate from 1 July.

Appointments: In addition to the formal annual appointments made at Annual Church and PCC Meetings on 14 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: We reaffirmed for 2013-14 the statement of our Parish Policy (for display on notice boards) for the protection of children and vulnerable adults.

Missions: We agreed the Mission Group's plans for the triennial "refreshing" of the good causes funded through the "championship" arrangements from 2014. Of the £14,500 earmarked for Missions in the 2013 budget, we allocated £12,325 for the currently "championed" causes. This sum allows a payment of £400 (all that is required) to the MU's Sierra Leone project and £1,325 (in two instalments – one now and the second at the end of the year) to each of the nine others. The remaining £2,175 is to enable the PCC to respond to emergency and *ad hoc* appeals that arise during the year.

Premises: We received a useful update from the Premises Group. The key activity over the Summer will be the much-needed improvements to the Hall – being refurbishment of the toilets and redecoration of the downstairs room. The work will start on 5 August, and the Hall will then be out of commission for three weeks. Looking forward, another Quinquennial Survey is due in 2014. It seems likely that this will identify several matters on which major expenditure is either essential or highly desirable to keep our beautiful building in good repair. Funding such works could be a challenge, and we keep an open mind about the possibility of specific appeals as the details are firmed up.

Finance: In an update on financial matters, the Treasurer, Alan Frame, reported that both income and expenditure were a little below budget for the first quarter of 2013. At this stage, neither was a great concern, and a better picture would be available from half-year figures which the PCC will consider in September. Over time, we do need to maintain and boost our income – the great bulk of which comes from pledged giving – to generate in-year surpluses so that sufficient money can be put aside in the Property Fund to deal with anticipated needs.

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

Roger Morgan
PCC Secretary