

CHRIST CHURCH EPSOM COMMON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Registered Charity No. 1127945



Main points of the PCC meeting held on
Monday 9 September 2013

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

Membership: As Curate, the Revd Julian McAllen is an *ex officio* member of the PCC and we welcomed him to his first meeting.

Syria Appeal: In view of the escalating humanitarian crisis in the Middle East, we agreed a donation of £1,000 to *Christian Aid's* Syria Appeal. (While most of Christ Church's missions giving is channelled via the "champions", we hold back a margin to enable us to respond to such emergency appeals.)

Open Porch: Opening the porch over recent months – as suggested at April's Annual Church Meeting – has yielded some useful fruit, and we have agreed to continue this until the clocks go back and repeat it during the "summer time" of future years.

Planning for the future: Christ Church is about halfway through the introduction of our three-pronged programme for growth. The "Prayer" strand, introduced in 2012, is complemented by this year's "Discipleship". The Vicar held one-to-one "taking stock" conversations with PCC members and others over the summer, and we had a useful discussion of her findings as we for the launch of the "Outreach" strand next year.

Reports: The main points of the reports from various Committees were as below.

- *Christ Church on the Wells:* The Wells continues in good shape and again held a successful Holiday Club during the summer.
- *Finance:* The headline figures from the half-year accounts suggest that things are about on track against the 2013 budget which, given some expected exceptional calls, intentionally aimed for a deficit. However, the below-average expenditure to date (and which seems likely to pick up in the rest of the years) rather masks a shortfall in regular income. The need to boost our future income (if we are not to curtail our activities) will be addressed at the "Stewardship Day" being planned for Sunday 22 September.
- *Premises:* We thanked the Committee for the summer's major and nearly complete refurbishment of the Hall toilets (each now "twinned" with a sanitary project in the developing world) and redecoration of the downstairs – all of which was much appreciated at the reception after the 8 September Civic Service. Other significant works are in prospect and, of course, minor repairs and maintenance are ongoing.

Christmas Card: As in previous years, we shall be producing a Christmas card from Christ Church and Christ Church on the Wells giving details of our special services. Nearer the time, we shall be asking for your help in delivering one to every home in the Parish – our major outreach activity of the year.

Christmas Appeal: We decided that the beneficiary of our 2013 Christmas Appeal will be *Centrepont*, for its work with homeless young people.

Next meeting: Our next meeting will be held on Monday 11 November at 8pm in the Hall.

Roger Morgan
PCC Secretary