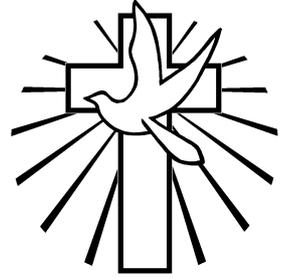


CHRIST CHURCH EPSOM COMMON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Registered Charity No. 1127945



Main points of the PCC meeting held on
Monday 15 June 2015

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

LLM: 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 (or Reader).

Appointments: In addition to the formal annual appointments made at Annual Church and PCC Meetings on 26 April, we reaffirmed in office the very many people holding various posts within Christ Church not needing annual renewal (as listed in the 2-page annex to the minutes). We are enormously grateful for the invaluable contribution these people make – often behind the scenes – to church life.

Little Hands: Thanks to much hard work behind the scenes after our 31 May meeting, we noted the good progress being made on all the various arrangements for the Little Hands Nursery to begin operations in the Church Hall from September.

Safeguarding and Health & Safety: We up-dated and reaffirmed for 2015-16 our parish policies for the protection of children & vulnerable adults and for general Health & Safety. We also agreed a revised parish policy for the recruitment and training of volunteers working with children and young people, being the 2009 policy updated in the light of experience.

Missions: Because of the pressing need to contain expenditure, the £10,000 we earmarked for Missions in our 2015 budget is significantly less than in 2014. To reduce the impact on our ten championed causes, we allocated the whole sum to them, allowing a payment of £400 (all that is required) to the MU's Sierra Leone project and £1,065 (in two instalments – one now and, subject to the availability of resources, the second at the end of the year) to each of the nine others. For any emergency or *ad hoc* appeals, we can draw on the modest balance carried forward from last year.

Finance: In an update on financial matters we heard that, over the first four months of the year, income from pledged giving was rather below our modest budget, but about offset by an increase in one-off donations. Income from Hall lettings was also up. However, the resulting small increase in Christ Church's net worth was illusory; much of the planned maintenance expenditure is expected to fall in the second part of the year. It remains the case that Christ Church was on track for the substantial budgeted in-year deficit.

Premises: The interior of our beautiful church was (apart from some patching) last redecorated 40 years ago, and it rather shows. We aim to have this done during August. The 40 year-old Hall boiler is reaching the end of its useful life. With financial assistance kindly offered by Christ Church on the Wells, we shall be replacing it with a much more efficient modern unit over the summer.

Vicar's sabbatical: At the end of the last meeting before her mid-August to Advent Sunday sabbatical, we wished Rosemary well for a time of reflection and relaxation.

Next meeting: Monday 15 September at 8pm in the Hall.

Roger Morgan
PCC Secretary