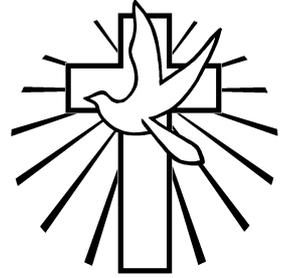


CHRIST CHURCH EPSOM COMMON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Registered Charity No. 1127945



Main points of the PCC meeting held on
Monday 14 September 2015

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

The Refugee crisis: Many individuals will already have made their own response to the current refugee crisis. On behalf of Christ Church as a whole, we agreed to send £375 – the remainder of our 2015 fund for emergency appeals – to Christian Aid to help in their work in the Middle East coping with immediate origins of the crisis.

Little Hands Nursery: Thanks to much hard work by the Premises Group and others, all the necessary physical changes were, to a tight timetable, completed in time for the Little Hands Nursery to re-open in the Church Hall on 7 September. It is worth repeating that, if we had not been able to provide the requested accommodation, the valuable community provision would have had to close. Through careful preparations, we have aimed to minimise the impact of this addition on our other activities – in particular securing for the continuation of Wheels & Squeals. However, some changes were obviously inevitable, and we are grateful to all those who have accommodated these.

Organist: Andrew Davies is moving to Wimbledon to simplify the demands of his shift working which had already required him to stand down as Director of Music last year. We recorded our thanks to him for all that he has brought to the music at Christ Church – and to Andrew Smith for taking on yet more of the organ playing.

Christmas: We agreed that the beneficiary of the usual Christmas Appeal should be the Church Housing Trust for its practical work with the homeless across England. Last year, we supplemented the usual Christmas Card (giving service details) with a more general newsletter. This year we shall combine the two in one newsletter, thus simplifying delivery arrangements. Nearer the time, we shall again be looking for volunteers to help deliver a copy to every home in the parish – our major outreach of the year.

Finance: In a brief update on things to mid-July, we heard that, thanks principally to some planned major outgoings, Church finances were still heading for the anticipated significant deficit in the budget for the year. As previously indicated, there is a need to boost our routine income if our activities are to be maintained and developed. The issues will be explained further at the Stewardship Sunday being planned for 4 October.

Premises: In addition to all their work on changes needed to accommodate Little Hands, the Premises Group has been busy on the redecoration of the church interior that was getting more than a little jaded after 40 years. It is now again a clean and bright setting for not only our regular worship but also for the many glories of Christ Church. The details and history of all those glories have now been faithfully “recorded” for posterity by volunteers from the Epsom Decorative & Fine Arts Society in a report being presented to the Church at Parish Communion on Sunday 11 October.

Next meeting: Monday 9 November at 8pm in the Hall.

Roger Morgan
PCC Secretary